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Coastal science and discovery centre, a cafe, wine bar, roof terrace and micro brewery...

Council planners are set to look at 'maritime centre mark two'

PLANS for a £5.5 million maritime centre in Porthcawl with a coastal science and discovery centre, a cafe, wine bar, roof terrace and micro brewery will go before councillors on Thursday, November 22, for approval.

The complex to be built on the town's Cosy Corner by the Esplanade has changed from a bigger, more expensive version that received planning permission in 2016.

The original version involved a £7 million project with a curved building and a large amount of glass which resulted in the project going above European funding spend cap requirements.

The new development plans – submitted by Credu Charity Ltd – are dependent on European and Big Lottery funding.

Officers say permission is a vital step in being able to secure the funding.

Under the plans the main building which is four to five storeys high would be around 37metres in length and 18metres in width.

It would incorporate a Sea Quest Coastal Science and Discovery Centre, conference facilities, a children's creche, and a room for the Sea Cadets, as well as 12 rooms and two 'pods' as part of 'lodging style' accommodation for schools and youth groups.

On the upper floors a restaurant, bar, kitchen and offices for the Harbour Master and a surf centre would be included.

The idea is to accommodate various community, non-profit organisations and commercial premises including a training pool, changing rooms, kiosks, gym, studio, main reception and offices.

The offices will accommodate the Welsh Surfing Federation, the Sea Cadets, the Harbour Master and SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity.

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BAVO celebrates work of volunteers

ABOVE: the winners and highly commended certificate holders for Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards 2018 – see more pictures and a report on page 8.

Man jailed for rape of fellow festival-goer

A MAN who raped a woman camper in a tent during a festival at Merthyr Mawr has been jailed for six years, four months, at Cardiff Crown Court, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.

The attacker, 27-year-old Aaron Smith, had shown no remorse for his behaviour, said Judge Richard Williams.

Smith, a man with no previous convictions of Tameside, had admitted a charge of rape. The incident occurred, said prosecutor John Ryan, during a "Herofest" in which the participants role-played as Vikings.

Mr Ryan said that on September 29, about 100 people took part in the event.

The victim had "drunk to excess" and had returned to her tent, where she fell asleep.

"She awoke to find Smith having sex with her," he said.

The following day, she was found withdrawn and crying and was taken to a police station in Bridgend.

Samples were taken from her, and Smith was arrested. Initially, said Mr Ryan, he denied that any sexual activity had taken place.

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Photographic Society holds competition

Richard Craze (on left) being presented by Alan Stokes.

WE recently held our annual Dennis Lines Memorial Competition.

Each member submitted four entries as either digital images or prints and the event was judged by Alan Stokes.

Congratulations to Richard Craze for winning the competition with his print *Nature's Fire*.

We're a very friendly camera club with a mix of male and female members and welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, it's all very informal.

So if you have an interest in photography why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton (CF36 5NR).

Our programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk.

Geoff Baker

A date for your diary

FRIDAY, November 30 is an important date for everyone as we are holding our annual fund raising event at Trinity church hall.

This is a coffee morning in aid of Porthcawl First Responders. This is an organisation started a year ago to respond to emergency health problems before an ambulance may be able to attend.

Invaluable in case of stroke, heart attacks or big bleeding where speed is essential for recovery; and they rely on voluntary contributions for equipment, so do come along. Stalls, raffles, tombola and Christmas gifts.

Since my last report our poetry group have discussed poems of William Barnes, lunch has been enjoyed at the Broomwagon and our chairman, Diana Richardson, has laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

The speaker at our guild meeting was Debra John, an old favourite, giving views of Christmas festivities in years gone by.

Dressed for the part she kept us entranced with her usual flair for the dramatic.

Our next meeting is on December 12 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall when our guest speaker will be Ceri Joseph.

We are always assured of a great afternoon with Ceri and our Christmas tea will follow so do come and join us.

Dorothy Thomas

'Where have all the poppies gone?' asks GEM reader

MANY residents and visitors to Porthcawl in 2014 will remember the sea of red poppies on both the Danygraig and town roundabouts, which was an initiative by the older people's group Porthcawl Shout Forum (PSF) to honour those who died in the Great War.

It commemorated the centenary of the start of the 'war to end all wars' and all who had died serving their country since 1914.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) charged £600 to seed both roundabouts which PSF raised in the town, and everyone was more than pleased with the town's small but symbolic 'Flanders Field' of scarlet poppies.

Many thought the poppy roundabouts projected publicly the town's respect for the countless number of young men and now women who having gone to war never returned to their families and friends.

In January 2017 we again asked BCBC to repeat the event to mark the end of the Great War but despite a number of assurances it would, the result was cornflowers and marigolds.

Remembrance is a very personal experience and we are saddened and disappointed that after nearly two years of promising, BCBC forgot the Remembrance red poppies of the fallen.

This contrasts greatly to the people in Belgium who hold a *Last Post* ceremony every evening of the year at the Menin Gate memorial to honour the fallen.

However, we hope BCBC will not now close the file until 2039 but consider scattering poppy seeds on roundabouts once a year or even bi-annually to help young and old reflect on the price war has on communities.

Gary Victor, Porthcawl Shout Forum.

A Bridgend County Borough Council spokesperson said: "The same poppy seed mix that flourished in 2014 was planted again on roundabouts in Porthcawl last year alongside some cornflowers and marigolds.

"Unfortunately, although the poppy seeds germinated well initially, the heatwave scuppered our plans by burning them off. Porthcawl Shout Forum was not charged for the seeding.

"Due to the future budgetary uncertainties and the difficulty of establishing poppy germination, we do not currently have any plans for scattering more poppy seeds."

GEM note: the bleuet de France *is a stylised imitation cornflower, and the French flower of Remembrance. It also grew on, indeed alongside, poppies on the battlefields of WWI. French military veterans' charities sell them for similar reasons as the RBL sells its poppies.*

Also, as a result of the 2016 'India Remembers' campaign, the marigold has been adopted as the Indian flower of Remembrance.

Perhaps in a roundabout, but serendipitous, way, two of the UK's allies have been remembered.

Maritime centre to be discussed

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In a report going before councillors at Thursday's development control committee, officers state: "It is intended that the facility will establish the Harbourside as a prime destination for all-weather and year-round maritime activities while providing business, educational, cultural and health and well-being benefits to the south coast of Wales."

The 0.36 hectare site, which is within the Porthcawl Conservation Area, is a sunken grassed area which is owned by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

It will be leased to the charity.

To the southern end of the site, the plans involve building a one-and-a-half storey building, with an external performance area/amphitheatre seating area.

The buildings will house a micro-brewery, café/bistro, a wine bar, a roof terrace, exhibition spaces and offices.

The performance space will have the option of being covered by a canopy for certain events or performances.

The plans also involve seeking consent for temporary buildings on the site such as an interim Sea Cadet facility, until they are eventually rehoused within the main building.

There are also plans for the siting of a memorial for the SS *Samtampa*, a maritime disaster in 1947 in which 47 people died.

The *Samtampa* ran aground at Sker Point on April 23, 1947 after attempting to sail through a force 11 gale.

Officers say a large number of residents have written in support of the maritime centre scheme, mainly due to the community benefits it will provide.

The Porthcawl Civic Trust Society has also offered its "total support" for the "long awaited building".

However, some businesses nearby have objected on the grounds that it will obstruct their views, create car parking problems and increase traffic congestion.

Officers are recommending the plans for approval saying the scheme is "a vital component of the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Area that will preserve the character and appearance of Porthcawl Conservation Area and the setting of the grade-two listed Jennings Building".

Credu Charity Ltd has 'evolved' out of the Harbourside Community Interest Company.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Bridgend Quiz League latest

THE latest teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League are as follows:

1. In sport, who or what is known as the 'Louisville Slugger'?

2. What animal was *The Jungle Book*'s Rikki Tikki Tavi?

3. What was the original name of the RAF?

The latest results from the League are: Tondu Railway Club 51, Crown Maesteg 46; Penybont AFC Nomads 57, Mackworth Arms 44; Five Bells A 48, TyRisha Arms 50; Oddfellows Arms 41, Five Bells B 52; Cabo Roche 43, Chatterton Shunters 60; Six Bells Clangers 48, Pheasant Gamekeepers 57; Laleston Inn B 55, Prince of Wales Coychurch 49.

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Answers:
1. Official Major League baseball bat.
2. A mongoose.
3. The Royal Flying Corps.

Consultation on X2 bus service (but don't panic, it is a possible change of route through Cardiff)

CHANGES may be made to the X2 bus service that could see it reach Cardiff city centre eight minutes earlier by being re-routed through Cardiff Bay.

Clearly, people travelling to Cardiff Bay would get to their destination much earlier, as they would no longer have to make their way from the city centre out to the Bay.

However, commuters who work on or around Cowbridge Road East or West would lose out.

First Cymru is launching a consultation on the proposal, and they want to hear from existing commuters, and also any motorists who might be tempted to switch.

A First Cymru spokesman said: "We're looking to hear from people from Porthcawl, Bridgend, and Cowbridge commuting into Cardiff Bay by car who may be interested, as well as existing passengers of our X2 service.

"The X2 service has been operating more or less unchanged for the past 20 years, during which time congestion on the existing section has increased and Cardiff Bay has become a destination for many people for work or pleasure.

"We know a portion of our existing passengers when they get off our service in Cardiff centre travel onwards to work at Cardiff Bay, so via this survey we're trying to understand how many of our passengers would benefit from a change to the route or in what way we could improve the service so it serves them better."

The spokesman added: "The proposal is to re-route the service from the Culverhouse Cross stop near Tesco via the A4232 to Cardiff Bay and the A470 (Lloyd George Avenue) towards the city centre.

"This would mean that the service would no longer travel via the A48 and A4161 Lansdowne Road, where few passengers get on or off and which during peak times is affected by congestion."

The online consultation is accessible via the url: *bit.ly/x2survey* and will will close on December 8.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
22 Thur	05.28	9.8	17.49	9.9
23 Fri	06.12	10.0	18.32	10.1
24 Sat	06.51	10.2	19.12	10.4
25 Sun	07.31	10.2	19.53	10.1
26 Mon	08.13	10.1	20.39	9.9
27 Tues	08.59	9.7	21.29	9.6
28 Wed	09.52	9.3	22.23	9.1
29 Thur	10.47	8.9	23.23	8.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Charity game marks 40th anniversary of All Blacks clash and raises funds

@WelshCharityVet Gareth Williams XV (pictured) triumphed over the @HN_DeafRugby XV 35-5 and £2,000 was raised for the charity MSA Trust.

A SPECIAL anniversary charity match, marking 40 years since Bridgend RFC played the All Blacks, was a success despite the appalling weather conditions.

It took place at Morganstone Brewery Field and the @WelshCharityVet Gareth Williams XV triumphed over the @HN_DeafRugby XV 35-5.

The Home Nations Deaf XV was predominantly made up of the Welsh team, who are the current World Champions in 15-a-side and sevens, with the addition of a crop from the other home nations, adding to the Lions' feel of the occasion.

Allan Bateman and Colin Charvis turned back the clock with impressive displays, Charvis forming the starting back row with Welsh internationals Gavin Thomas and Jamie Ringer.

The Welsh international theme continued with Peter Rogers shoring up the front row, despite looking slimmer than in years gone by. His scrummaging 'know how' had the home nations' boys under the cosh from the first whistle.

The backline was no different with Andy Williams, the former Wales and Bath scrum half, calling the shots watched from the crowd by Lion Rhys Webb, who was happy to pass on a few tips to the teams.

Bateman and Adrian Durston lit up the backline with Durston showing he's still got that special step.It was a fantastic spectacle of rugby by some legends who've worn the red of Wales and some who have stepped up to the red of the Lions.

In excess of £2,000 was raised for MSA Trust in memory of #Lion571 – Gareth 'Sam' Williams.The fundraising continues.

Ed Evans Foundation concert

VALE charity the Ed Evans Foundation, which raises funds for Welsh cancer charities and worthy local causes, is hosting an evening with Ogmore Valley Male Voice choir on Friday, December 7 at 7.30pm at Wick village hall.

Tickets (£10) include mulled wine and a mince pie and are available from Sue on 01656 890217 or from the Wick shop.

Man jailed for rape of fellow festival-goer

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In a statement, the woman said that her quality of life had been affected, she suffers panic attacks and nightmares.

She stated: "I want to be okay again."

Mr Ryan said that at the time, the victim had been in "a particularly vulnerable situation".

Smith's counsel, Justin Roberts, said: "He had not remembered the incident and cannot give any reason for it. It was extreme drunkenness on his part.

"This has broken him and his family. Lives have been shattered."

Said the judge: "You were well aware that she was drunk and you had no reason to imagine she wanted any sexual experience with you."

He pointed out that the offence had a significant effect on her.

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'Bridgend Council must review its ethical employment policies' insist councillors

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) needs to "urgently review" its ethical employment policies, say councillors, who fear people working in the local authority's supply chains could be at risk of modern slavery, human rights abuse, and unethical employment practices.

BCBC has yet to sign up to the Welsh Government's Code of Practice for ethical employment in supply chains, which focuses on guaranteeing good employment practices.

The local authority says it doesn't have the funding to audit it effectively and its current procurement policies take account of all the issues raised in the code anyway.

However, at a recent scrutiny committee meeting, councillors said no cost analysis had been carried out on implementing the code and there was a risk to employees working in the supply chain in not having a policy.

Calling for an urgent review, Cllr Martyn Jones said: "Part of the code refers to modern slavery, human rights abuse and unethical employment practice, and we're told proactive assessment is not currently carried out.

"How can we be confident that within the supply chain, employees are being treated fairly and with respect?

"I accept to some extent the financial implications to this but we have an opportunity here when we actually agree contracts to ensure that people are being treated fairly."

Officers said that as the council had not adopted the code, it wasn't appropriate to "compel" contractors to adopt it, adding that various issues around ethical employment were covered in a pre-qualification questionnaire.

Monitoring officer Kelly Watson said: "The procurement strategy is being worked on and that will have a section on ethical employment.

"The guidelines have already been taken into consideration and where possible within the resources, we are doing everything we can.

"What we are not currently doing is proactively monitoring the compliance, and that is down to resource."

Cllr Jones said: "It is sad to say that we don't proactively assess unethical employment practices, slavery issues and all the issues we see daily on the television news.

"The overriding response [from officers] we have had is cost, but you can't provide that argument if you haven't done a cost analysis.

"We need to get policy and practice in place that protects, otherwise we may very well find that people are going to be mistreated, the reputation of this authority is going to be threatened and we may find ourselves having to find money from the public purse to remedy the misgoverns of what has happened previously."

Councillors agreed to recommend to officers that a policy on ethical employment be adopted and a cost into implementing the code be researched.

The Welsh Government intends that all public sector organisations should sign up to the code, although there is no legal requirement to do so.

Cabinet member for finance, Hywel Williams, said that the council was happy to sign up to the code, provided there was funding from Welsh Government to support the council's ability to audit it effectively.

Liz Bradfield, local democracy reporter

Coffee at the Tabernacl

A COFFEE morning will be held at Tabernacl Hall (Derwen Road, Bridgend) on Thursday, November 29 from 10am to 12pm.Admission £2 , tickets at the door.

There will also be stalls including books, cakes, cards and crafts.Proceeds will be donated to the chapel charities for this year, which include The Madagascar Appeal.

Local choir performs at charity concert

COR Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch were part of the entertainment at Laleston school to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis on November 16.

They were joined by Trelales Primary school choir and talented soprano Sarah Morris.

A packed hall listened to Cor Meibion start the concert with three pieces: 'Men of Harlech', 'Let All Men Sing' and 'Cwm Rhondda' and were then entertained by the school choir who brilliantly performed 'Colours Of the Wind' 'Perfect' and finally an excellent version of 'Rhythm of Life' before Sarah sang a solo.

Cor Meibion then finished the first half with 'Llef' and then the first performance in concert of 'Afonaf Angel' and 'Rachie'.

After the interval Cor Meibion commenced with 'Anthem' from *Chess*, 'Tell My Father' and 'Yfory'.

Then the school choir then performed 'A Million Dreams' and 'This Is Me' and they had awonderful response from the audience.

Sarah then completed her stint with a solo from *Les Miserables* before Cor Meibion finished the concert with 'Fugue for Tinhorns' and finally another wonderful piece from *Les Miserables* 'One Day More'.

All the performers and the audience came together to sing 'Calon Lan' before 'Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau'.

Mention must be made of Huw Morgan who not only got the choir to sing so well but also hadthe audience in stitches with his witty comments and also Laura Deenik who was really quite brilliant in her playing for the choir.

The audience gave all the performers a wonderful response and a great deal of funds were raised for this important charity.

The choir will be back on their journey on December 8 with a trip to Wellington in Somerset again for a charity fundraiser.

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Breast cancer charity receives donation from local crematorium

The Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee presented a cheque for £5,000 to its nominated charity Giving to Pink.

RECYCLED metals from cremations at Coychurch Crematorium that raised £5,000 have been donated to a breast cancer charity.

Recovered metals such as items from the construction of the coffin and orthopaedic implants including hip and knee joints, are recycled with relatives' consent as the crematorium takes part in the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management's national scheme for the recycling of metals.

The Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee donated its current share of money to the Giving to Pink appeal, which aims to create a specialist breast care unit at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

Cllr Richard Young, Bridgend County Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "It's wonderful that the money raised from this process is going to such a worthy cause, helping to save other people's lives."

The crematorium has been involved in the scheme since 2005 and has previously donated proceeds to local bereavement charities.

Rotary's thanks to volunteers

ON November 19 Maesteg Rotary Club made a donation to Llynfi Valley Voluntary Aid to thank it for providing first aid cover during the fireworks display. The photo shows president Robert Davies presenting the cheque to Royston Thomas.

Bridgend Council's concern over funding of new Education Act

FEARS over the future funding of new Welsh legislation that affects young people with learning needs have been raised in Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Local authorities are preparing to implement the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Wales Act 2018. While funding from Welsh Government has been provided in preparation for the new legislation, there are concerns over its future funding.

At a scrutiny meeting at BCBC on October 18, officers said the law meant all schools would need to have a designated Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) while health boards would need to appoint a Designated Education Clinical Lead officer (DECLo).

The reform will replace the legislation and arrangements which currently exist for Special Educational Needs (SEN) up to the age of 16, and learning difficulties and/or disabilities post-16.

The new term, Additional Learning Needs (ALN) will be applied within a single legislative framework for all children and young people up to the age of 25 who are identified as having those needs.

The ALNCo position will replace the existing non-statutory Special Educational Needs Coordinator role, but concerns have been raised over future funding arrangements.

At the scrutiny committee meeting on the new law, Rev Canon Edward Evans, a church representative on the committe also the chairman of governors at Bryntirion School, said: "I'm becoming increasingly concerned for the budgets of individual schools, particularly in the primary sector.

"With ALNCos being statutory, every school will have to appoint one and that usually carries a teaching and learning responsibility payment which is an additional cost to the school budget.

"A lot of primary schools are having to shed their learning support officers because their budget can't sustain it, so there's great pressure there on individual school budgets which are already greatly stretched.

"I wonder how long some of these schools can continue to function, given the budgetary pressures they have?"

Kevin Pascoe, a representative of parent governors for Bridgend county secondary schools on the council, added: "We are struggling as an authority to provide adequate resources in the mainstream setting as it is to support children with identifying needs.

"I think all of us fully accept what is trying to be achieved within – who could possibly disagree with it, but either it's funded or it can't be implemented.

BCBC's education director Lindsay Harvey said: "We are looking at different ways of working, such as cross local authority working, which don't require additional funding so in times of stress in the system, we can tap into resources in other local authorities and they can do the same to us."

Cabinet member for education, Charles Smith, added: "We are not going to say it can't be done or we're not doing it – we are already doing our best to work towards implementing this bill.

"We do expect it to be fully funded and we won't accept any underfunding.We will be lobbying the Welsh Government for the proper funding for this bill. Wales, in general, is rich in policy but very poor in implementation – we have example after example of this."

The definition which the Bill uses for ALN is materially the same as the current legal definition of SEN.With the new system starting in September 2020, it must be complete from September 2023.

In order to support the implementation of the new system, the Welsh Government has provided funding through the ALN Transformation Grant.

Liz Bradfield, local democracy reporter

Bryntirion pupils are on top in public-speaking tourney

Senior winners from Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

Intermediate Winners, Bryntirion Comprehensive School with Rotary Club of Bridgend president Hopkin Joseph.

THE annual schools public speakingcompetition, organised by the Rotary Club of Bridgend, was held at Bryntirion Comprehensive School on November 14.

The winners of the intermediate section were from Bryntirion Comprehensive School.The chairperson was Benjamin Fisher, the speaker was Caitlin Richards and the Vote of Thanks was given by Nicole Rowlands.

Their chosen topic was 'The Rise of the Selfie'.

The winners of the Senior Youth Speaks competition were also from Bryntirion Comprehensive School. Their chosen topic for discussion was 'The Apex Predator'.

The chairperson was Aaeron Giboney, the speaker was Caitlyn Jones and the Vote of Thanks was given by Rhia Gould.They were each presented with a winning certificate, a voucher and the Rotary Shield. **CR**

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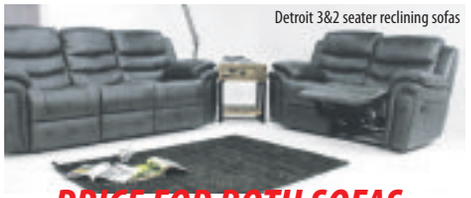
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Porthcawl school pupils dig deep for charity

Pupils at Porthcawl Comprehensive School have again pulled out all the stops in their extraordinary efforts during the school's charities week.

Following five days of commitment, enthusiasm and energy, the head team raised almost £3,500, and money is still coming in.

As each day went by, the fundraising gathered momentum with the fancy dress day for Children in Need on November 16 being the pinnacle of the week.

As well as The Great British Bake Off and The Lip Synch Battle, pupils also introduced Fill Your Guts or Spill Your Guts!, The Chase, and Teachability. All events were performed to packed out audiences of pupils.

A spokesperson said: "Well done to both pupils and staff for contributing so wholeheartedly to this campaign and congratulations to the hard-working pupils on raising this impressive amount of money."

Chosen charities this year, as well as Children in Need, include the The Sandville, Scouting Association, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Velindre Hospital, The Rohhad Association, Rhys Rubery 81 and The Teenage Cancer Trust.

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BAVO awards celebrate volunteers' hard work

Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People with Lesley Poulton (on behalf of award sponsor United Graphic Design).

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) recognised and celebrated the great volunteering that is happening across the local area at their annual Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend.

Volunteers take on a wide range of tasks, giving their time to make their community a better place, yet often receiving little, if any recognition for their commitment and support.

They make a real difference to charities and ultimately to people's lives and BAVO were delighted to be able to recognise their hard work and achievements.

Compèred by Lee Jukes from Bridge FM Afternoon Drivetime, special guests included AM for Ogmore Huw Irranca-Davies, Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Cllr John McCarthy and his Consort Judy McCarthy, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Jonathan Wall, Leader of BCBC Cllr Huw David, Cllr Dhanisha Patel and Anna Arrieta who provided musical entertainment.

This year, BAVO also took the opportunity to honour and recognise outstanding volunteer Enyd Carroll, who, at the age of 101, has decided to retire from her volunteer commitments with Llynfi Valley Credit Union.

AM Huw Irranca-Davies said: "It is always a real pleasure to support these awards and to take part in the celebration of volunteers with so many inspiring personal stories.

"Volunteers give their time and effort to help individuals in their communities and organisations and my congratulations to all the well-deserved award winners and to BAVO for organising yet again a wonderful event."

Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards winners were: *Befriending and Mentoring Volunteer of the Year Award (sponsored by Valleys to Coast) – Derek Paget (Mental Health Matters Wales).*

Volunteer of the Year Award under 25 (sponsored by Graham Paul Accountants) – Ffion Higginson (Active Young People's Department).

Volunteer of the Year Award over 25 – Jodie Taylor (Parc Supporting Families).

Trustee of the Year Award – Menna Davies (Bridgend Carers Centre).

Charity Shop Volunteer of the Year Award – Chris Spanswick (Emmaus South Wales) – accepted by Ryan Jones on Chris Spanswick's behalf.

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award – Holly Harris (Impetus Dance).

Volunteer Project of the Year Award (sponsored by United Graphic Design) – Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People).

Outstanding Volunteer Contribution Award (sponsored by Handelsbanken) – James Houston (Citizens Advice Bridgend).

Outstanding Volunteer Contribution Award – Enyd Carroll (Llynfi Valley Credit Union).

Paul Ryall-Friend, of award sponsor Valleys to Coast said: "Valleys to Coast were thrilled to support the BAVO Volunteer Awards and to recognise the great work undertaken by them. It's great to see volunteer organisations in our communities and the great work they have achieved."

Bridgend County Borough Volunteer Achievement Awards 2018 'Highly Commended' certificates were awarded to: *Brenda Howells and Cameron Thomas from Tŷ Hafan – Bridgend; Clive Williams from 2318 (Aberkenfig) Squadron, Royal Air Force Cadets; Deborah Davies, Jayson Jones, Manuela Hiett and Tom Weaver from The Bridge MPS; Jackie Masani from Cat's Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre; Janet Craddock and Mike Johnson from The Food Shed; Les Jones from The Courthouse, Maesteg; Pauline Marshall and Susan Owen from Cruse Bereavement Care; Pam Williams from Community Companions Project; Paige Connett-White from Stand Against Bullying; Rhys Upton from Menter Bro Ogwr; Sheona Thomas from ABM Youth; Special Families Maesteg.*

BAVO's chief executive, Heidi Bennett said: "Volunteers make a real difference to charities and ultimately to people's lives and we were delighted to be able to recognise their hard work and achievements through this event.

"BAVO is proud and privileged to be able to host this event again this year and my thanks go to our generous sponsors and donors who have made this celebration possible."

Further details on all BAVO's winners can be found by visiting www.bavo.org.uk.

Derek Paget with Paul Ryall-Friend (on behalf of award sponsor Valleys to Coast).

Enyd Carroll from Llynfi Valley Credit Union with Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

Ffion Higginson with Ann Lloyd (on behalf of Graham Paul Accountants).

James Houston from Citizens Advice Bridgend with Illtyd Francis (on behalf of award sponsor Handelsbanken).

Coity WI learn to 'Respect the Water' with the RNLI

Coity WI's Ann Mutton models the RNLI safety gear supplied by John Humphreys.

COITY WI was visited by John Humphreys from the RNLI at the November meeting.

John brought along an RNLI uniform and persuaded vice-president Ann Mutton to model the outfit.

Porthcawl is the busiest RNLI station in Wales and John, who is an RNLI volunteer education officer, told the group about the work of the RNLI locally and nationwide.

He has been promoting the RNLI's 'Respect the Water' campaign, which encourages everyone to behave safely beside the sea and inland water.

If anyone is in difficulty in any stretch of water, call 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard. The RNLI website also provides lots of useful information.

Coity WI meets at Gilead Chapel Hall in Coity on the third Thursday every month from 7pm to 9pm.

IHRA anti-Semitism definition adopted by Bridgend council

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism.

At a Cabinet Equalities Committee meeting held on November 19, councillors agreed to the following definition, which had been adopted by the UK Government two years ago, dozens of other UK councils, the Welsh Government last year, and the four police forces across Wales.

The IHRA working definition of anti-Semitism is:

'Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.'

Cllr Dhanisha Patel, a BCBC Cabinet Member and Equalities champion, said: "We want to do absolutely everything we can to make it clear that hatred of any kind, including anti-Semitism or discrimination against people for their beliefs, has no place in our communities.

"The IHRA definition helps all organisations to understand and recognise contemporary anti-Semitism, whether it is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms or actions."

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Pen y Fai Festival of Remembrance proved to be a 'fitting tribute'

THANKS are extended to people of Pen y Fai and all who contributed to or supported the Smyrna Bapitist Chapel and All Saints' Church Village Festival of Remembrance from November 10 to 18.

The opening ceremony was introduced by Rev Alwyn Evans of Smyrna Baptist Chapel and Penny Williams of All Saints' Church, and was attended by the AM for Bridgend, Carwyn Jones, Daniel Salemi, Mayor of Llangenau in Germany, Cllr Altaf Hussain, and Heidi Bennett from BAVO.

Alan Bourne, director of music at MoD St Athan, ended the ceremony with his rendition of *Last Post*.

During the Remembrance Sunday service, which was led by Penny Williams, the new village war memorial plaque, provided by Stephen, Andrew and Ryan of Penybont Funeral and Monumental Mason Services, was dedicated by The Very Reverend Bishop David Yeoman and the address was given by Rev Alwyn Evans.

On November 12, the pupils of years 3 and 4, introduced by headteacher Mike Street and guided by deputy headteacher Mr Trevor White, presented their tribute to the fallen for fellow pupils, staff, family members and visitors, who later took time to view their church display.

In the days following, many visited both Smyrna Chapel and All Saints' Church to view the tributes by local groups and individuals to those who lost their lives that we might live in peace in our small village of Pen y Fai.

A family tribute, 'Letters From Four Brothers', was made by Eirwen Owen. In addition throughout the village, there were 15 'There But Not There' silhouettes, donated by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund, each one representing one person named on the newly-installed war memorial and accompanied by information about those who lost their lives during either World War One or World War Two.

Special thanks go to: the people of Pen y Fai; Rev Alwyn Evans and all Smyrna Chapel congregation members, especially the children; the ladies of the WI; the Knit and Natter group and the Ladies' Club; the staff and pupils of Pen y Fai Primary School; the staff and pupils of the Old School House nursery; Lizzie and Anthony at the Pheasant public house; Elinor and Sanjeev at Court Colman Manor; Linda Feagan at the Dogs Trust; Rev Anthony Beer; Penny Williams; and all parishioners of All Saints' Church, especially the children.

The whole event was an outstanding success, and a fitting tribute to all who fell.

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Bridgend man found in breach of suspended prison sentence

A 21-YEAR-OLD scaffolder who was found by police in possession of cannabis was in breach of a suspended prison sentence, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.

Luke Lyons of Heol Onnen, North Cornelly, was fined £200.

Prosecutor Stephen Donohue said that about midday on February 21, police in the Newcastle Hill area became suspicious of a group of people.

Lyons was searched and he said: "I've got a bit of weed in my pocket."

Mr Donohue said it was a small amount and Lyons said he had bought it from a friend for £30 and it was for personal use only.

The court heard that he was in breach of an eight-month suspended sentence.

His counsel, Robert Chudleigh, said: "He apologises profusely for his offending and he is now free of taking drugs.

"This was a blip and slowly and steadily, he is making good progress.

"There was real contrition."

Judge Tracey Lloyd-Clarke directed that the suspended sentence continue and ordered Lyons to pay £340 costs.

Trust to uncover secrets of Bridgend's oldest house

A PROGRAMME of archaeology is set to uncover the secrets of St John's House, Bridgend's oldest dwelling.

The St John's House charitable trust will be delving into the walls of the 16th century Grade II-listed building on Newcastle Hill in Bridgend.

The archaeological work will get underway at 12pm this Saturday, November 24 as part of its monthly open day, and Bridgend residents are encouraged to attend the landmark moment in the town's history.

Ken Hinton, chair of St John's House Trust, said: "This archaeological programme is a really big development for the house, and we can't wait to see what it's going to reveal.

"We know from the house's plans that there is a hidden cupboard behind its walls. We're fascinated to discover what we may be hidden inside.

"We'd like as many people as possible to come along at 12pm on Saturday to celebrate what is a big moment in the house's 500+ year history. We'll also have plenty of interesting displays on offer as well as fun activities for children."

The open day, which takes place from 11am to 3pm, will feature Luke the Herbalist who will be fascinating visitors with displays of potions used during the medieval period.

Children will also be able to design their own salt dough Christmas decorations, make orange pomanders, and have the opportunity to dress up as characters from the house's past.

For more information, visit the St John's House Facebook page, or go to the St John's House website at www.stjohns-bridgend.org.uk.

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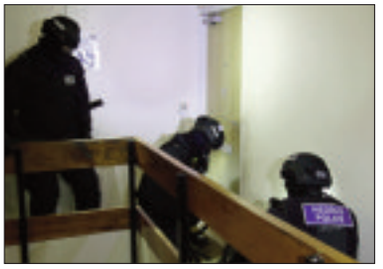
Eleven arrested as police launch Operation Avalanche



A DAY of action to tackle drug supply throughout the Vale has led to 11 arrests.

Operation Avalanche saw 120 officers take part in early-morning raids today with drug warrants executed at 10 addresses across Barry, Dinas Powys and Penarth.

Local officers joined specialist officers from the Territorial Support Team and the dog section, as well as National Crime Agency officers for the operation.

Of the 11 people arrested on suspicion of drug offences, seven are men and four are women. Those arrested are aged between 19 to 51. They are all currently in police custody.

A quantity of cash and drugs were seized during the multiple raids.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "Operation Avalanche is a large-scale operation which has involved 120 officers and partner agencies.

"Tackling the supply of controlled drugs is a priority for us. We will not tolerate those making a profit from other people's misery in the Vale of Glamorgan and we are committed to disrupting and dismantling these organisations.

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Lions' £500 gift for this year's Big Wrap appeal

LLANTWIT MAJOR and Cowbridge Lions have donated £500 to support this year's Big Wrap appeal, which aims to ensure disadvantaged youngsters receive a Christmas present.

President Byron Evans said: "The Lions fundraise all year round to support local causes and we are very pleased to be supporting this worthwhile appeal again this year.

"The Big Wrap provides gifts to children in the Vale who are at risk of receiving nothing or very little for Christmas and we hope this donation will help ensure every child in the Vale can wake up to a Christmas present this year."

The Big Wrap coordinator Susan Lloyd-Selby said: "The Big Wrap relies entirely on donations and we are very grateful to the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions for their continued support.

"We believe that every child should know the joy of Christmas and this donation will help ensure that children and young people across the Vale feel loved and supported."

The appeal would be grateful for donations of new toys and gifts for children and young people up to the age of 19.

Donations can be taken to the ReStore furniture shop in Thompson Street, Barry from Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-5pm - for more information, email bigwrap@yahoo.co.uk.

John Wordley of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions presenting the cheque to Big Wrap coordinator Susan Lloyd-Selby.

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Timeline given on Porthcawl regeneration plans - Salt Lake will stay as a car park for at least four years

MULTI-MILLION pound regeneration plans for Porthcawl were approved by Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) cabinet on Tuesday and, as The GEM was going to press (Wednesday), a full council meeting was considering them

The town's regeneration is set to take place over a number of stages beginning with a supermarket being built at the northern end of Salt Lake Car Park.

Work could start next year on a housing development next to the new store with a revamp for Hillsboro Car Park.

Further down the line will be further housing on the seafront and possibly a leisure scheme and a hotel.

Some of the plans are dependent on gaining funding grants from the Welsh Government for new coastal defences which will include a new Eastern Promenade because the flood risk needs to be mitigated.

It appears that the bulk of Salt Lake will stay as a car park (operated by BCBC) until sea defences are built on the Eastern Promenade, a project that depends on a Welsh Government grant.

On Tuesday, November 20, cabinet members were asked to approve a presentation of the plans before full council. It included the reinvestment of around £2.6 million funding, once land sales have gone through.

At the end of last year, BCBC agreed to pay the two Evans families £3.33m to relinquish their rights to Salt Lake Car Park. At the time, the counil said it needed to reclaim the cash through making land available for developers.

Officers say the anticipated receipt from the completion of all phases is expected to be around £7 million to £8 million.

BCBC expenditure, apart from the above £3.3 million, will be £1 million match funding if the Welsh Government grant bid is successful, and £2.6 million on upgrading Hillsboro Car park and general infrastructure work.

Below are the planned development phases.

Phase one

THE first phase involves a supermarket at the northern end of Salt Lake Car Park.

The site does not need any coastal protection works, and officers say there is currently strong market interest from a number of retailers for a smaller format store in the town.

In the report, officers point out that previous attempts to bring forward redevelopment in Porthcawl were thwarted largely by the collapse of the food-store market.

They say it is important that BCBC capitalises on the current "buoyant" market conditions.

BCBC hopes to start marketing the site in early 2019 with the earliest date for receiving money from the sale in summer 2020.

The earliest date for the supermarket being completed is summer 2021.

The sale of the store site will enable the council to then reinvest the money in the next stages.

Phase two

THIS section of land is next to the new store and has the potential to be served by the new access road that the store developer will build.

The site, which is the only other section of land on the Salt Lake site that doesn't require coastal protection works, is identified for housing.

A development brief will be produced before the site goes out to marketing in 2019.

Phase three

HILLSBORO Place Car Park has a series of investments planned, including accessibility improvements and a "more efficient" layout that will increase car parking numbers.

This work will start as soon as the sale of the supermarket goes through in 2020/21 because the money will enable the uplift.

The new layout of the car park would also allow for the release of land on the edges for "further commercial leisure development".

Councillors have previously said they would like to see a boutique hotel and a budget hotel on the site.

Phase four

IF Welsh Government approves BCBC's coastal defence bid, the work will take place between 2020/21.

In addition to the coastal protection work, the scheme will also include a new Eastern Promenade.

Phases four to seven are dependent on funding being gained for coastal defences.

A decision by the Welsh Government is not expected until autumn/winter 2019.

If successful, it would result in 75 per cent funding via the Local Government Borrowing Initiative towards the works with the council providing the remaining amount – expected to be around £1 million.

Officers point out that if its funding bid for a coastal protection grant is unsuccessful, there will be an impact on the programme and project viability.

Phases five and six

THE timescale of the remaining part of the Salt Lake site will depend on when the coastal defences are undertaken.

Two sections of land are identified for housing – development briefs or an updated master-plan will be created before marketing begins.

It is expected to include a variety of types and could include a four or five-storey development on the seafront.

It is anticipated the development will start in 2022/23.

Before these sections are brought forward for development, it is proposed that they will be mainly used as a council run car park.

The council plans to spend £100,000 on new pay and display machines, signage and site remedial works to make the temporary Salt Lake Car Park operational.

It wants it to open before Easter 2019 and says the £100,000 funding will be repaid from income generated from the car park.

Officers say the use of land as a temporary car park will help inform any future consideration of additional public parking that may be allocated within phases five or six to supplement the main car park on Hillsboro Place.

Phase seven

ACCORDING to officers, the leisure investor market is weak at present, and the previous phases will need to be first brought forward to create confidence among leisure investors.

While the strategy is based on this being a late phase in the plan – after 2023 – the council is in discussion with Visit Wales to promote the site as part of a Wales-wide strategy to attract national investors to a small number of strategic tourism and leisure sites.

Officers say that as a fall back to these, a strategy will be produced to look at the provision of temporary activities on the site prior to a permanent leisure scheme coming forward.

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Out & About with The GEM

Fantastic Beasts sequel ramps up the darkness in a leaden effort...

FOR those who were missing their *Harry Potter* big screen fix, *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them* filled a hole, a fun and entertaining film that followed the adventures of the eccentric and enigmatic Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne).

Given the first film's success, further adventures were guaranteed to follow, and the first sequel of a planned four now hits screens in *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*.

The titular Grindelwald (Johnny Depp), who was captured at the end of the first film, soon escapes his prison and begins to use his powers of manipulation to start a war between those who have the power of magic and those who don't.

A chain of events has Scamander embroiled in the search for him, pushed on by a young Dumbledore (Jude Law), and with the wizarding (and non-wizarding) world at stake, Newt needs all the help he can get to try and stop Grindelwald's hopes becoming reality...

The first *Fantastic Beasts* film was, in the main, something of a standalone adventure, based on a JK Rowling short story that was a pacy and enjoyably entertaining magical adventure. When that film's success meant there were to be more, suddenly there was a story arc requiring four films, hurtling Newt and the other characters into a larger and far more serious plot where the stakes were higher than they ever were before.

It's this need to build the elements of this new series that bogs down

by GARETH JAMIESON
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The Crimes of Grindelwald, a film that is entertaining yet also frustrating, visually superb yet leggy and overly-complicated; weighed down by larger concerns, it lacks the spark that made the first film so much fun.

From the opening sequence, where Grindelwald uses magic to escape his prison, director David Yates (returning to helm this sequel, having also directed the final four *Harry Potter* films) ramps home the fact this is going to be darker, more dangerous and serious.

In fact there are several moments where the film veers dangerously close to being too dark for the intended audience, pushing the envelope to the limit.

Yates' experience in this world is obvious, the scale, the confidence of the direction coming through loud and clear, yet while he delivers the spectacle, he's hamstrung in the first half by a narrative that requires an awful lot of pieces to be moved into place.

Sometimes it works well – Newt's enrolling into the plans to try and stop Grindelwald lend extra weight by the relationship between Dumbledore and himself, and also between Dumbledore and Grindelwald (only hinted at so far). Other times, as in the importance of the returning Creedence (Ezra Miller) to Grindelwald's plot, you can see the cogs whirring and it's not half as much fun.

After a cumulative box office of nearly $8 billion from the *Potter* films and the first *Fantastic Beasts* film, JK Rowling has pretty much carte blanche to do as she pleases, but here her script could have been much snappier and pacy. Instead, it's only in the second half that the stakes, and pace, picks up, offering far more than the cumbersome first half.

There's much to be savoured from the performances, Johnny Depp is particularly impressive as the manipulative, softly-spoken Grindelwald, a master at bending others to his will without them realising, and he almost underplays it to delicious effect.

Eddie Redmayne is good value as Newt, this time becoming wiser to the world around him and the stakes that are up for grabs, while Jude Law's younger Dumbledore may suffer from the actor using an Irish inflection every 14 syllables, but captures the quiet authority and nobility of the character.

Around them, the likes of Katherine Waterston (not given enough to do here), Zoe Kravitz, Ezra Miller, Alison Sudol and Dan Fogler are all solid, with Kravitz and Sudol's plot points perhaps the ones that connect the most.

While satisfying, *The Crimes of Grindelwald* has sacrificed levity for drama, eschewed entertainment for franchise-building. It's a shame that it doesn't manage to capture the sense of fun the first film had, but that's because Rowling wants to add more depth and weight to proceedings (along with more than a few *Harry Potter* Easter eggs). On the evidence of this film, it's not wholly successful.

VERDICT: Not quite so Fantastic second time around, *The Crimes of Grindelwald* has positives, but also plenty of negatives. It has the feel of a film weighed down by the need to establish plot points and elements that will pay off two or three films down the line; important in the grand scheme of things, but when taken on its own terms, not quite so much. It will sate those whose love of the wizarding world knows no bounds, but it's nothing to get too excited about. *Average*.

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Llansannor Christmas Fair

LCHA will be holding the Llansannor Christmas Fair in the Community Hall on Saturday, November 24 from 10am-2pm.

Find Christmas presents at the craft and community group stalls, with entertainment for the younger members of the family, cakes and refreshments. Entry is free; all welcome.

Penarth Computer Club

PENARTH Computer Club will meet at 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on November 27.

The topic will be 'The Funny Side of IT'. Visitors welcome.

Table top sale

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On Thursday, November 29, there will be an illustrated lecture on 'The Man with the Pitchfork', iconic paintings from early 20th century America, by Stella Lyons.

The society's Christmas exhibition is being held in the Old Hall, Cowbridge. A record number of more than 60 works of art and crafts in a variety of mediums are being shown, most of which are for sale.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are welcome. For further details, collect a programme from the Old Hall or visit www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas and Instagram#cowbridgeartsociety.

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Refreshments, including home-made cakes, will be served in the Lee Hall and the admission includes a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

This is the main charitable fundraising activity of the parish; last year over £2,000 was raised and charities, both local and international, benefited from the hard work of the parishioners from the churches of St Andrew's, St Peter's and St Michael's. Charities receiving donations this year will be Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, Ty Hafan and Noah's Ark Childrens' Hospital.

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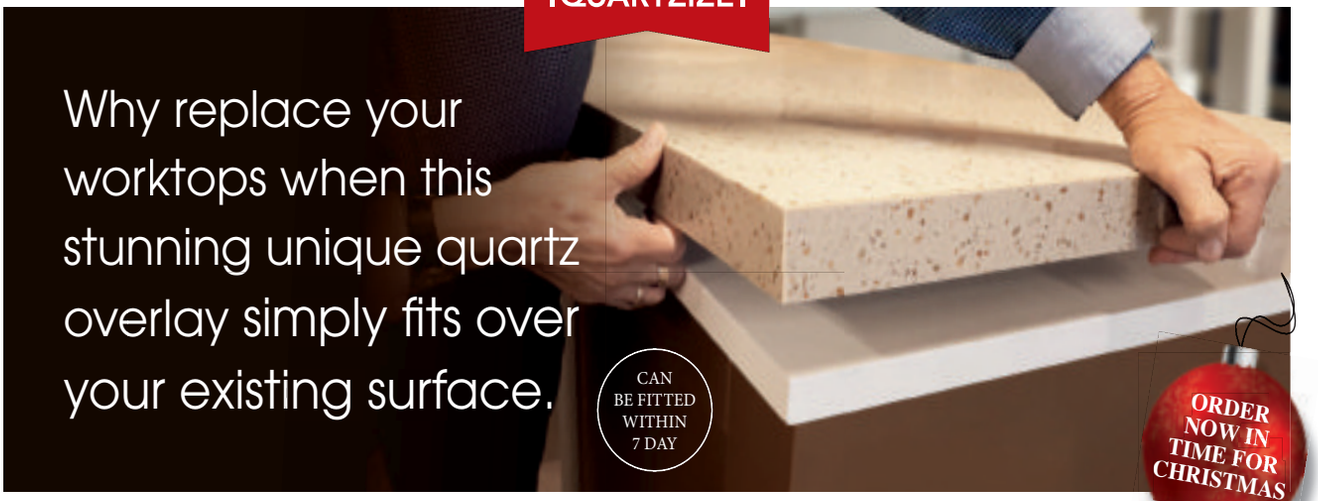

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Porthcawl at risk of a ‘genteel decline’

PORTHCAWL could be “the St Ives of Wales” but risks going into a “genteel decline” if it does not make the most of major regeneration plans, a property developer behind a range of re-developments has warned.

Speaking at a public meeting at the Y Centre (the YMCA) in Porthcawl on November 19, Simon Baston, director of LoftCo, said the town was competing with places like Barry and Swansea, which both had the advantage of younger populations.

Mr Baston, who has worked on schemes such as Cardiff’s Tramshed, the Pumphouse in Barry and the Jennings Building development in Porthcawl, said the town’s “magnificent beach” was not enough to attract future residents.

Porthcawl’s multi-million pound regeneration plans are going before Bridgend County Borough Council’s (BCBC) cabinet and full council this week (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Execution of the plans will take place over a number of stages, beginning with a supermarket being built at the northern end of Salt Lake car park.

Later phases involve a housing development next to the new store, a revamp for Hillsboro Car Park, a leisure scheme, a hotel, coastal defences and further housing on the seafront.

Work on the plans has started following the end of a decades-long deadlock between leaseholders – two local families – and the landowners BCBC.

At the end of last year, BCBC agreed to pay the two Evans families £3.33 million to relinquish their rights to Salt Lake car park.

Monday night’s meeting was organised by Sustainable Wales, a charity which aims to “encourage sustainable lifestyles at a community level”.

Speakers included representatives from Cenin Renewables, the Green Party and BCBC’s cabinet member for regeneration, Cllr Charles Smith.

Opening the meeting, Margaret Minhinnick, director of Sustainable Wales, said: “This regeneration has been a long time coming.

“Many of us have been around for a long time as well, waiting for it.

“We are really enthusiastic about this next phase, it looks a lot more likely that something is going to happen.

“The purpose of this meeting is not only to find out more but to put forward some contributions, hopefully positive ones.

“Over this long period of time we have heard a lot of negativity and criticism but let’s start preparing for the type of future we all want to do with quality of life now and for future generations.”

During the meeting residents raised concerns over a lack of parking, the density of housing and the position of the new supermarket, saying shoppers would simply come and go from it rather than spending any time in the town.

Other issues raised included a lack of activities for young people, the planned closure of John Street’s public toilets, declining footfall in the town and “stinking streets”.

Some residents highlighted the site’s history with previous failed regeneration schemes over the last few decades.

Cllr Smith said the planned development was mixed with retail, housing, parking, highways, leisure and open space planned, adding the revamp of Hillsboro Place car park would be carried out in a way which would enable another tier of parking above or below the ground if necessary in the future.

He said BCBC was working with developers such as LoftCo and housing associations, and added that some of the housing could look like the new Coastal Housing development behind Swansea’s high street, but around four storeys high instead.

He said while there was no planning brief for the housing development it would involve “several hundred units”.

Porthcawl town councillor Alex Harris (Green Party) said there was an opportunity to design the development to include electric charging points on the seafront, solar panelled houses and to enable people to walk and cycle to nearby shops.

Mr Baston, who is currently working on projects involving the former railway goods shed in Barry and Newport’s indoor market, said housing could no longer be developed in isolation and community cohesion had to be considered.

He said: “People don’t want a housing estate, they want a sense of place and everybody’s going to have their own idea of what that is.

“It could involve a tech hub, pop-up food places, restaurants, children’s play areas, cycling routes for example.

“The supply chain is going to get smaller – how we live, work and play is going to get smaller.”

He added: “I don’t think Porthcawl quite understands the pace of change.

“If I went to Barry for a meeting like this, the people there would be 15 to 20 years younger. If you’re talking about sustainability, you need to have that grounding of young families – they’ve got a 40 year tax base.

“Porthcawl needs housing, everybody needs that, and it has to come with how people are going to live now, with good restaurants and places for people to work.”

Mr Baston said public transport links were key, suggesting that with several hundred houses being built, people would need regular buses to Pyle train station and into Bridgend for the main line.

He said: “It’s fine saying you’re five minutes from the M4, but car ownership is decreasing and Porthcawl is going to go into genteel decline unless what is on offer is a new way and quality of life.

“If you change it quickly enough on a full 24/7 basis, you will see John Street improve because there will be the people to spend there.

“It’s a one-off opportunity here; you can build something fantastic.

“It could be the St Ives of Wales, we need to have that level of ambition.”

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

A shedload of money for local men’s group

MEMBERS of a local group are celebrating after receiving funding from Royal Voluntary Service and the Asda Foundation.

Cwm Ogwr Men’s Shed has been awarded £990. Designed and run by their members, Men’s Sheds provide opportunities for local people to share tools, resources and expertise and to make things, learn new skills and make friends. They also help reduce loneliness and isolation.

Ben North from Cwm Ogwr Men’s Shed said: “Since opening our door to the Ogmore Valley in June 2018, we’ve had a steady flow of members join our ranks, but we have been continually frustrated at the lack of resources we have to attract new members.

“Thanks to these recent donors, we are able to further develop our activities and open them up to more men from our area.

“We have already seen in a short space of time what a dramatic impact attending a Men’s Shed can have on isolated men and look forward to helping more.”

Farmer’s wife is recognised in care awards

A WOMAN from Llantwit Major who swapped life as a farmer’s wife to go into the care sector has been recognised in the Wales Care Awards.

Jane Davies left the farm 18 years ago to work in the care sector, and is now a deputy care manager.

Her work led her to a gold in the ‘Leadership and Management in Supported Living Award’, sponsored by the Silvercrest Group at the Wales Care Awards held at City Hall in Cardiff.

Welcome to the Ultimate Barber

A VERY well-established business on Vere Street is 'Ultimate Barber' – run by Donna Atwell.

Donna told The GEM: "I've been on Vere Street for 18 years and have an amazing clientele.

"We have recently added an appointment service so people can book a slot and have no waiting. We are open six days a week and have a late night on Fridays till 7pm.

"We are, however, still a walk in barber shop for those who don't want to book. We offer all types of cuts from short back and sides to fades.

"What's more, every hairstation has a TV which is playing Netflix for you to enjoy."

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Cadoxton & Cardiff Road Celebrate Christmas

Unique can solve your flooring needs

RIGHT: Part of Unique Flooring's comprehensive showroom.

STARTING in 2005 in Park Crescent, Unique Flooring needed to expand and made the move to Cadoxton eight years ago, opening on the corner of Weston Square.

Since then, the family-run concern has gone from strength to strength, regularly adding new lines for both the domestic and commercial flooring market.

LVT (luxury vinyl tile) flooring is a very popular line for Unique.

On the commercial side, whether you need something decorative and stylish for your retail unit, for safety flooring, for a commercial kitchen, bathroom or swimming pool, they have a solution.

On the domestic front, flooring options include ceramic, stone, wood, carpets, tiles and vinyl.

As a company that is keen to give a great service to local people, they offer free estimates and and free meassuring service.

With a comprehensive showroom and commitment to good service, Unique Flooring is definitely a company that can solve your flooring problems.

Cadoxton is a great base for local enterprise and initiative

THERE was a time when Cadoxton was totally separate from Barry – a village in its own right and the area and its local traders retain that independent feel.

Probably as a result, Cardiff Road, Cadoxton and Palmerston in Barry have always attracted lots of independent, family businesses with local people committed to providing the very best service to the public.

People want help on their doorstep and that's what they provide.

Family businesses on Barry Road, Church Road, Main Street and Vere Street have lasted for decades.

People love an established business with a familiar, friendly face.

City centre shops, or outlets on retail parks are all very well, but there is always something special about shopping local.

The eclectic make up of the area attracts small and large businesses, and definitely one of the larger is VFM.

VFM is a fresh meat and frozen food Cash & Carry (open to the public), based at Unit 5 Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston Road.

They cut and pack all their fresh meat daily instore, and it is priced at up to 50 per cent off supermarket prices.

People travel to VFM from as far away as the valleys and Cardiff because of its reputation for keeping prices as low as possible. VFM has always got lots of meat deals and supplies all the other grocery essentials too.

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Cadoxton & Cardiff Road Celebrate Christmas

Variety the order of the day in the Cadoxton area

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But the area also attracts individual entrepreneurs, and one such is professional costume designer Angharad Gamble, who runs Rooftop Atelier at 51 Vere Street.

It's a sewing school providing help for beginners, and those more confident who want to try and make more complex garments.

Angharad worked on top TV productions such as *Merlin* and *Da Vinci's Demons* during a 15-year career as a freelance costume designer and still does commissions for TV and theatrical productions.

She said: "It is lovely having people in learning to sew, and surprising themselves by how much they can improve."

Angharad has all the sewing machines, table space for cutting, fabrics, haberdashery and equipment you could possibly need. If people would like, they can hire studio space for cutting and working.

For more information, go to *www.rooftopatelier.co.uk*

On these three pages (22, 23 and 24) you will find different businesses offering very different services, but all united in a determination to do their own thing and offer something special to their customers.

It's what makes the Cadoxton area special.

Great food and service at Allan's Family Fish Bar

Alicia (left) and Naomi at Allan's Family Fish bar.

EVERY community needs its local, family-owned fish and chip shop, and Allan's Family Fish Bar fits the bill exactly.

Allan opened the Vere Street premises in 2000, and recently handed over the day-to-day running to his daughter Alicia and son-in-law Stephen.

The family connection doesn't end there, as Alicia's younger sister Naomi also works in the business.

You won't find any fried fish keeping warm in the cabinet, because at Allan's they cook the fish when it is ordered for maximum freshness.

There is a sit down facility if you can't wait until you get home, and the business runs regular special offers on a range of meals. It's best to check their Facebook page to keep up to date.

Alicia said: "We're delighted to be here, and we wish a Happy Christmas to all our customers."

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Cadoxton & Cardiff Road Celebrate Christmas

Traditional barber skills are available at Steve's

IN Vere Street in Cadoxton, Steve's Barbers is a fixture, as Steve has been cutting hair for 19 years.

In recent years, opening a 'retro' barbers has become quite trendy, but Steve has happily been 'retro' since he opened.

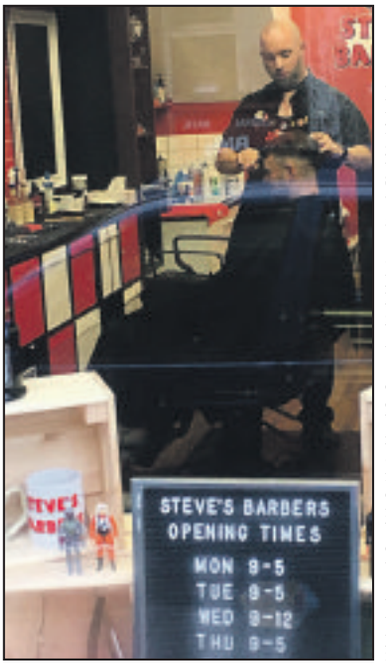
Business is good, as it has been for his time in Vere Street. He clearly knows how to keep his customers happy.

Steve's Barbers is retro in another way, too, as it is pretty much full of 1970s and 80s models, from films and TV of that era – with a heavy emphasis on *Star Wars* – hence the nickname, the Star Wars Barber!

His collection is a subject of fascination for younger customers (and older ones too!).

Opening times at Steve's are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except for Wednesday, which is 9am to 12 noon), while Saturday is 8am to 3pm.

For anyone in need of a last-minute Christmas trim, he will be open on Christmas Eve 7am to 1pm, with appointments available from 1pm to 3pm.



Steve at Steve's Barber is now in his 20th year in business in Vere Street.

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"It is a rare privilege to be a funeral director – to stand in a sensitive position at a crucial time in the midst of someone's family, knowing that the high standards of our service will help them through the most difficult time in their lives."

Husband and wife team Lyndsay and Nicola are fully qualified and licensed funeral directors. Together with their assistant Ben Hartery, people can be assured of their extensive knowledge and experience that is unique, professional and personal – always going that extra mile.

Lyndsay added: "From the moment you contact us it will always be Nicola and I that you will deal with. We will stay with you every step of the way during your difficult time.

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THE Mayor of Llantwit Major, Cllr Dr David Ellis, has encouraged local people to use the shops in the town to get that special Christmas gift.

This Saturday, November 24, is a day of activities and entertainment takes place, providing an opportunity for Christmas shopping.

Cllr Ellis said: "I would like to encourage all residents to shop locally in preparation for Christmas.

"We have a wide variety of excellent shops in the town, providing a range of services and goods.

"There is no need to travel elsewhere to find that special Christmas gift. Please do spend time in the town to browse and buy.

"There are also many activities taking place in the town leading up to Christmas which we hope local residents will attend and enjoy.

"On Saturday, the Christmas lights are being switched on at 6pm, preceded by a range of festivities in the old part of town starting at 12 noon, featuring fairground rides, entertainers and Father Christmas, and finishing with a fire show."

The big flick of the switch for the lights will be made by Ruth Lloyd from S4C television show *Pobol y Cwm*.

The mayor continued: "Everything is free in the children's craft area upstairs in the town hall thanks to Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions. Many thanks also to the events committee who have organised everything and to the Chamber of Trade who have put up the lights.

"This coming Friday evening in the comprehensive school, I am holding a local schools' concert, starting at 6.30pm. Entrance is £5, on the door if you have not already bought a ticket from the town hall.

"The following Saturday, December 1, I will be holding a coffee morning at 10am at Llantonian Hall, when the local arts and crafts group will be displaying their creations and where you again might find that special Christmas gift."

This Saturday's event runs from 12 noon until 7pm. There will be a 'hunt the elf' competition, and Santa arrives at 2pm when there will be a gift for each child. The lantern parade leaves the precinct at 5.30pm for the Christmas light switch-on at 6pm.

Father Edwin Counsell is arranging carol singing and a Nativity on the stage from 5.30pm to 6pm. The day finishes with the fire show.

Christmas Stwffing

OPENING in 2015, STWFF is now a fixture in the Llantwit Major old town square bringing a unique shopping experience to the town with two stores side by side in Church Street.

STWFF offers the latest on-trend homewares and gifts for newborns, children and teens, gifts for men, as well as candles, stationery, books, jewellery, accessories, bags and cards.

Its Christmas shop has a wide selection of decorations, tealight holders and lights plus a great range of chocolate, chutneys, crackers and other Welsh food products for a treat at Christmas.

Find inspiration for a gift, a little something for yourself or that special Christmas decoration for the finishing touch to your tree.

Follow STWFF on Facebook @stwffstuffuk, Instagram @stwffstuff and Twitter @stwffstuff.

Stores are open Monday to Saturday 9:30am to 5pm and Sunday 11am-3pm or shop online stwff-stuff.co.uk including the option to pick up in store. 2 Church Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SB.

A New Hope

The New Hope organisation has simple aims.

To quote from its own literature, it "provides relief for the sick and poor, by improving living conditions for those in the developing world".

More specifically, it is for those in need of water and medical aid in Nicaragua, and the charity was set up in the wake of a mudslide in Nicaragua near the turn of the century.

Ideal for those looking for a bargain Christmas present, either second-hand or a new donated item, Gordon is strident in his criticism of charity shops that sell ranges of new, not donated, goods.

Bargain-priced CDs, DVDs, homeware, clothes, books and lots more are in New Hope.

New Hope Charity Llantwit Major is on East Street. Telephone 01446 796633 for more information.

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ABOVE: The Flower Shop's Christmas window display.

BELOW: When festive spirit gets too much, relax at Sunkissed!

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Town has plenty to offer

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Victoria's quest is to bring the best in hair care to you

Viki and staff from Victoria's Quest, the hair salon on East Street, are wishing festive felicitations to all customer old and new.

Viki said: "I and all the girls at Victoria's Quest would love you to come and see us before Christmas.

"We are a KMS official salon, so please pop in to view our Christmas gift oxes and gift sets.

"For 2018, we have lovely KMS sets containing four products, which are presented in a linen bag, for £30.

"From Goldwell, another leading haircare brand, we have gift bags for £20 that also contain four items.

"We also would like to wish all our clients past and present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

For more information, visit the salon on East Street, call 01446 793563, or search on Facebook.

Flower power in Llantwit Major

Sarah and Wendy of well-established – "It's our 24th Christmas," said Wendy – of The Flower Shop are wishing all their customers a very happy Christmas.

"We are looking forward to greeting all our regular customers, and any new ones, to show them our range of beautiful gifts and decorations, such as slate cheeseboards and other items from Valley Mills, and out range of hand-blown glass friendship balls.

"But it's not just gifts; we are a flower shop, so naturally we have a wonderful range of handcrafted bouquets and table decorations, and from the first week in December, we will have Christmas wreaths available."

The Flower Shop is at 2 East Street. Telephone 01446 792264 or visit www.llantwitmajorflowershop.co.uk.

The Victoria Inn

Christmas is synonymous with roaring wood burners, great food, beer and fine wine, not to mention festive cheer and laughter.

You can enjoy all this, and more, at The Victoria Inn, Sigingstone, near Cowbridge. What could be better than mulled wine by the fire in the company of family and friends, or a delicious home-cooked festive set meal or from the *à la carte* menu.

Soak up the magical decorations and atmosphere which are not to be missed with every visit; you will spot something new that you missed on your previous visit.

The Victoria Inn which is still family-owned and run is a must if you wish to get into the Christmas festive mood.

To view the festive menus, visit www.victoriainnsigingstone.com, call 01446 773943, or email info@victoriainnsigingstone.com.

Unique, exquisite, individual...

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Merry Christmas to all my valued customers old and new, and I hope to see you soon.

Tina

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Sunkissed in Winter

Come and visit us at Sunkissed for all your beauty treatments in the run up to Christmas or to buy some lovely presents or vouchers to treat your loved ones.

We are also holding a Christmas event on Wednesday, December 5, from 9am to 8pm where you can either book an appointment or just call in to soak up the Christmas atmosphere. Make the most of our special offers available and enjoy some mince pies and sparkling wine.

On the day you will be able to get first pick of the Christmas offers, complimentary raffle with prizes of hot-stone back, neck and shoulder massage, express facial and gelish nails (to be taken in January or February), 10 per cent off all treatments on this day (except acrylics & infills) and exclusive offers for Christmas vouchers.

We look forward to welcoming you all at Sunkissed and we wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning, East Street in Llantwit Major, CF61 1XY.

Telephone 01446 796883 or visit www.sunkissedbeautyandtanning.co.uk.

Oh! You Pretty Things, and the bear necessities

Merry Christmas to all customers from Victoria's Quest - Michelle, Sunette, Angela and Victoria.

A step, or rather a drive, in the right direction: a hybrid Auris of Andy Cars.

Our shop is situated in the historic part of the town near the church and alongside other wonderful independent shops, cafes, and restaurants.

Come and browse the eclectic mix of vintage and desirable items which include small furnishings, pictures, vintage fashion, textiles, Kantha rugs, handbags, vintage toys, and much more.

The stock is regularly updated filled with beautiful things and unique gift ideas.

With Christmas just around the corner the shop is set to have a magical new theme which will be revealed on Friday November 30.

The new stock will include an array of vintage and contemporary teddy bears which make wonderful gifts for all ages and to suit all budgets, so do come along.

Our opening times during December are every day up to and including Christmas Eve. Opening at 11 am and closing at 6 pm and will include several late nights to be announced.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Pretty Vintage Things is at 5 Church Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SB. Call or message Sally on 07832 105617, or find the shop on Facebook by searching for Pretty Vintage Things.

Christmas morn service

All are welcome to join Tabernacle Church Llantwit Major for Christmas morning worship.

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Council workers to get more than 'Living Wage'

PEOPLE working directly for the Vale Council are all set to be paid above the Living Wage.

Council leader John Thomas said the new wage structure at the council, agreed by cabinet on November 19, would also help to improve the gender pay gap at the authority.

The pay deal, which would affect around 4,000 staff across council services and schools on 'National Joint Council Single Status' terms and conditions, will take effect on April 1, 2019 if it is passed by full council.

It means the council's minimum hourly rate would be £9.18, which is above the Foundation Living Wage of £9 per hour.

Cllr Thomas told the cabinet the proposed new pay deal had "gone down well with staff on the lower pay grades within the council".

A council report says the pay increase will apply across the board with an additional weighting on lower grades, which will "improve the gender pay gap as the higher percentage increases are towards the lower end of the grading structure, which are predominantly held by females".

The new pay structure will be referred to full council on December 12.

The council's cabinet also agreed its initial revenue budget for next year, which says the authority faces a £10.42 million deficit if it does not identify additional savings, increase council tax, or get additional funding.

The Vale Council has said it could lose as much as 4.2 per cent from its budget in real terms next year.

Cllr Thomas will write to the Welsh Government asking for more financial help.

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

William leads the Ramblers through wonderful Wye Valley

AT Wilton Road car park in Ross-on Wye, Herefordshire, a group of 18 Penarth and District Ramblers joined William recently on a bright autumnal morning as they set off across the red sandstone Wilton Bridge, with its grand views of the fast flowing River Wye.

The went along the west side of the Wye and, spotting a grey heron, journeyed along the flat riverbank, passing through cropped fields as the Wye meandered its way southwards.

After pausing beside the river for morning coffee, they watched a family of swans and cygnets, passed a huge bull, cows and sturdy calves, and entered a slippery, narrow undulating path in Pencraig Court Wood.

Returning to the open riverbank, there were grand views of the ruined Goodrich Castle on the skyline above them and the tall steeple of St Giles Church in the village.

At Kerne Bridge, built in 1828, they crossed to the east bank of the Wye and spotted a damaged car near to the old railway station that had careered from the road, through the hedge and landed on the riverbank.

They joined part of the Wye Valley Walk and headed uphill to stop for lunch in a field near Leys Hill Farm. Pretty autumnal leaf-strewn pathways led them through the delightful Leys Hill and Bull's Hill woods on part of the route of the off-road six-mile annual run, known as the Howling Bull.

Descending steeply past an old mill to the road at Coughton, a green valley led them back into woodland for the long haul up through Chase Wood.

At the top were the remains of an Iron Age Fort, which was abandoned when the Romans invaded the country.

They descended through crunchy leaves carpeting the woodland floor past Hills Farm and left the Wye Valley Walk with a descent through Merrivale Wood and into a field with magnificent views of Ross-on-Wye.

They entered the outskirts of the town with grand views of the 205-foot spire of St Mary the Virgin, a landmark for miles around, before pretty narrow walkways led them back to their start after what had been a delightful day, soaking up the tranquil atmosphere of the beautiful Wye Valley.

On November 24, a rail ramble, featuring a 12-mile moderate walk from Port Talbot to Swansea on the Wales Coast Path, leaves Penarth at 8.32am and 9.04am from Cardiff Central (purchase a return to Swansea); contact Terry on 029 2070 6315 for details.

On November 25, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile hard walk taking in Fan Hir, Fan Brycheiniog and Llyn y Fan Fawr; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

JOY STRANGWARD

When 'secondhand' does not mean 'second best'...

LOCAL homeless charity, Emmaus South Wales is inviting people to "buy nothing new" this Black Friday, but instead to buy something that is secondhand from its charity shops.

Emmaus South Wales is taking part in a UK-wide campaign by Reuse Network urging people to give secondhand a second chance rather than buying new.

Buying something that is secondhand may seem like a small act, but it can have a big impact as one of the Emmaus South Wales Companions (formerly homeless individuals) explains.

"Not many people know that when you buy something in an Emmaus charity shop, all of the profits go to provide formerly homeless people, like myself with a safe place to live.

"Your purchase really makes a difference to people's lives."

Buying secondhand helps the environment too.Last year Emmaus South Wales customers bought more than 209 tonnes of items from its shops, whichis equivalent to the mass of 30 elephants saved from landfill.

Search for #buynothingnew on the internet.

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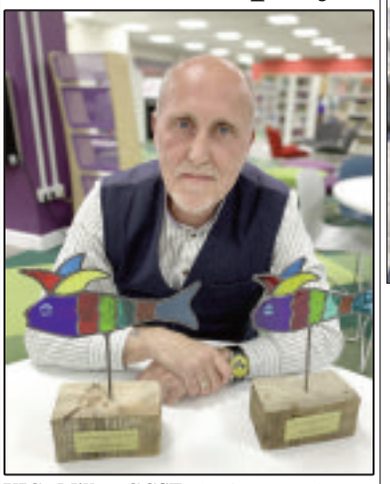
English tutor wins award for historical play



VIC Mills, GCSE English tutor at Bridgend College, has recently been in Canada representing Wales and the UK at the Liverpool International Theatre Festival (LITF).

The festival, held in Nova Scotia every two years, is a celebration of amateur theatre from all over the world.For five days, people from 23 countries perform plays in the language of their choice with a run time of between 30 and 50 minutes.The festival, organised by a group of volunteers with the aid of government and other sponsors, is a mix of local flavour and international flair with a diverse audience that attracts a wide range of ideas, setting the stage for some of the world's best unheard voices.

Mr Mills' play, *The Ruins of Talgarth*, is based on true events set around an asylum in Wales from the period between the 1930s to the 1960s. Themes include misuse of power and gender abuse and is portrayed from the perspective and voice of a woman.

The play was commissioned by Disability Arts Cymru and coordinated through the Blackwood Little Theatre, which works with funded and supported projects to develop productions ranging from dramas, one-act plays, comedies and pantomimes.

He was invited to attend the festival in Canada after winning a number of UK awards. Since the LITF, he has been approached by theatre companies in the US that would like to perform *The Ruins of Talgarth*.

Speaking about the play's success, Mr Mills said: "It was a fantastic opportunity to represent Wales at the festival in Canada, the play had a fantastic response there.It's also an enormous thrill to see someone perform your work around the world."

The festival ends with a closing ceremony featuring an honour guard of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the awards presented.

The Ruins of Talgarth won Best Original Script and came overall second at the festival.

Mr Mills himself was awarded the title of Outstanding Actor while his leading female, Peta Maidman was awarded the title of Outstanding Actress.

The Ruins of Talgarth was also given the People's Choice Award at the festival.This is an award selected by audience members on the last day of the event and presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

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'Wellbeing' portal up and running

LOOKING to promote your group, services or organisation?

Then Dewis Cymru may be for you.Dewis Cymru is an online website that contains information on various health and "wellbeing" services in your local area.

All information on the website is up to date and checked every six months.The website attracts over 50,000 page views per month.

To sign up today head to the website, www.dewis.wales and sign up.If you require any support signing up to the website contact: Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales; www.gvs.wales.

The Barry 10k this year has inspired a similar event in Porthcawl.

New Porthcawl 10k race on starting blocks for 2019

THE inaugural Porthcawl 10K will make its debut on July 7, 2019.

The latest addition to the Run 4 Wales 10K Series will initially run for three years in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Around 3,000 runners of all ages and abilities are expected to take part in the race, which will feature views across three bays and take in all of Porthcawl's landmarks.

The route has been devised by marathon runner Steve Brace and a "festival of running" will also take place with a 3km family run and a toddler dash.

Run 4 Wales chief executive Matt Newman said: "We're delighted to announce the Porthcawl 10k in partnership with BCBC.

Cllr Charles Smith, BCBC cabinet member for education and regeneration said: "Hot on the heels of the Senior Open Golf Championship and the Urdd Eisteddfod, we are really keen to host more events that can raise the profile of Bridgend county borough and attract more visitors.

"The success of the first Barry Island 10K in August has shown us the potential for Porthcawl. Around 3,500 runners signed up for that event from all corners of the country.

"Porthcawl already has an extremely popular Parkrun every Saturday morning and we're looking forward to the challenge of establishing the Porthcawl 10K."

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Local band's donation to woodland group

David Shields, the band treasurer, presents the cheque to Mike Webb with band chair and secretary Sheila Hobbs and Stephanie Kempley.

LOCAL band Thingumijigs has donated £250 to Sustainable Wick Community Group (SWCG) forthe Wick Community Woodland Project based in Monk's Wood, Wick.

The project is run by SWCG, a social enterprise, with the main objectives being to promote community engagement and sustainable woodland management.

Mike Webb, the group's chair, gratefully received the kind donation from Thingumijigs and stated that it will help to fund the proposed project to construct a round timber framed building for shelter and educational purposes within the wood.

Thingumijigs has put on many ceilidhs for SWCG, and plays regularly for barn dances and twmpaths, for schools and community groups, for weddings, birthday parties and other social events in the local area.

Non-profit making, each year the band donates surplus funds to a number of local charities and community organisations nominated by band members.

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Boys' Brigade's busy weekend

IT was a busy weekend for 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade.

As well as participating in the Remembrance Sunday events, two teams, each of four young people, travelled to Torquay for the first round of the BB National Masterteam (quiz) competition.

Nationally, 36 teams from England and Wales have entered this competition with 20 going through to round two.

Questions ranged from Bible knowledge and sport to board games and cartoon characters. The B team (Rebecca, Thomas, Thomas and Mason) were unfortunately knocked out of the competition, but the A team finished first in our group on the night (by a clear 12 points.) and go through to the next round in December.

Well done to Morgan, Luke, Ciaran and Gabe. They now travel to Gloucester for the next round on December 8. Good luck to them.

D Chapman

Welsh Veterans Awards to be launched next year

THE organisers of the Welsh Veterans Awards say they are delighted to announce the launch of the first national awards for Wales in 2019.

There are tens of thousands of former military personnel who, on retirement from the Armed Forces, have gone on to contribute immensely to the areas in which they live and work.

The Welsh Veterans Awards will be rewarding veterans for their achievements in business, sport and the wider community.

Co-founder of the Welsh Veterans Awards, Sean Molino of Forces Fitness, said: "As a former Welsh Guardsman, junior Non-Commissioned Officer and Physical Training Instructor, the aim of these awards is to promote veterans who are doing great things on Civvy Street.

"We want to promote all shortlisted applicants through a series of video blogs, social media releases and our website, so that they will act as role models for future service leavers.

"As a former serving soldier, I can understand how difficult transition is and how we require help and guidance along the way, even if at times we don't ask for support.

"I want our Veterans Awards and social media presence to become a place where serving military and veterans can discover some great advice and tips from veterans, who are doing truly inspirational things upon leaving the military. I hope we can inspire future service leavers that great things can be achieved with help and support."

Co-founder Wesley Skene of WS Marketing and The South Wales Business Awards, said: "Our military make huge sacrifices on our behalf. These awards will give us an opportunity to thank our truly outstanding veteran community."

The awards are sponsored by TACS Holdings and will also be raising money for ABF, The Soldiers Charity.

The inaugural awards evening will be hosted by Capital FM's Polly James on June 26 at the Village Hotel, Swansea.

To find out more about the Veterans Awards, contact info@veteransawards.co.uk, visit www.veteransawards.co.uk, search on Facebook for Veterans Awards, or call 07891 402326.

Merched y Wawr y Bont-Faen enjoys feast

CAWSOM wledd yn ein cyfarfod fis Tachwedd gan mai ein gwestai oedd Liz West a ddaeth i ddangos i ni sut i baratoi danteithion ar gyfer y Nadolig.

Bu Liz yn athrawes Economeg y Cartref yn Llanhari, Rhydfelen ac yn uwch athrawes yng Ngartholwg gyda chyfrifoldeb dros amddiffyn plant. Ers ymddeol o addysgu mae hi'n hyfforddi athrawon a llywodraethwyr ar ddeddfau a rheoliadau amddiffyn plant.

Roedd Liz wedi paratoi mins peis gyda chaead Fiennaidd, bisgedi ffenestri lliw ar gyfer addurno'r goeden ac addurniadau siocled ar gyfer gwahanol fwydydd melys. Paratôdd roulade sawrus o sbigoglys gyda llenwad o gaws hufennog, eog wedi ei fygu a mymryn o lemwn. Dilynwyd hyn gan roulade melys o meringue gyda llenwad o hufen, mafon a llusi. Aeth ati wedyn i orchuddio teisen spwng siocled gyda ganache a'i haddurno'n gelfydd fel bod modd ei chadw yn y rhewgell tan yr Wyl. Buom yn holi cwestiynau tra'r oedd Liz mor brysur wrth ei gwaith.

I goroni'r noson gorchmynnwyd ni i fwyta'r cwbl heblaw'r deisen siocled a gafodd ei rafflo. Roedd blas arbennig ar bob dim.

Diolchodd Beryl Williams i Liz am baratoi cymaint ar ein cyfer ac am arddangos ac esbonio popeth mor hamddenol. Beryl enillodd y deisen hefyd.

Ar bnawn Sul 2ail Rhagfyr byddwn yn mynd i wasanaeth Nadolig y rhanbarth yng nghapel Tabernacl, Efail Isaf am 3.00 o'r gloch.

Liz West cooked up a storm for the members of Merched y Wawr y Bont-Faen.

WE enjoyed a feast for the eyes and the tastebuds in our November meeting, as our guest was Liz West, who came to demonstrate how to prepare Christmas treats.

Liz was a home economics teacher at Llanhari and Rhydfelen Welsh Comprehensive Schools before becoming a senior teacher at Gartholwg Welsh Comprehensive School, with responsibility for child protection.

Since her retirement from teaching she trains teachers and governors in the laws and regulations regarding child protection.

Liz had prepared mince pies with a Viennese topping, stained glass window biscuits to adorn the Christmas tree and a range of chocolate decorations for different uses in a Christmas feast.

She began by making a savoury roulade of spinach filled with cream cheese, smoked salmon and lemon.

She then assembled a sweet roulade of meringue filled with cream, raspberries and blueberries.

This was followed by demonstrating how to cover a chocolate sponge with a ganache topping and decorating it so that it could be stored in the freezer until Christmas.

Liz worked avidly while we asked questions.

The highlight of the evening was Liz telling us to eat the lot apart from the very appetising chocolate cake, which was to be raffled.

Beryl Williams thanked Liz for preparing so thoroughly for the demonstration and for showing her skills, and explaining the processes in such a relaxed manner. Beryl also won the chocolate cake.

For our December meeting we shall join other south-east Wales Merched y Wawr members for our Christmas service to be held at Tabernacl chapel, Efail Isaf at 3pm on Sunday, December 2.

The Holy Cross Church Christmas concert sells out

THE Christmas concert, by Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, at Holy Cross on Friday, November 23, is a sell out as all tickets have been sold ahead of the concert for the first time.

The concert, which will also feature Music in the Vale competition winners Rhianna Hogg and Stefanie Maurer, traditionally opens the Holy Cross Christmas Festival.

The festival runs over three days and the church, which features Christmas trees and cribs, will be open from Friday and will finish on Sunday; admission is £3.50.

There is entertainment planned in the church on Saturday and a barbecue on Sunday during the Reindeer Parade.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir will be singing at Salem Chapel, Pencoed at a Christmas Memorial Service at 7pm on Thursday, December 6 and at Coychurch Crematorium Christmas Service on Thursday, December 13 at 7pm.

The next concert for the choir will be a joint concert with The Brize Norton Military Wives Choir on March 30 at Holy Cross Church and details will be announced in the new year.

The choir would like to thank their sponsors, The Place for Homes, Llandow, and everyone who has supported them over the past year. **AS**

Dark matter and dark energy: what are they?

IT is not often that The GEM receives correspondence from the US, but Joe Bakhos, a teacher from Big Bear City in California, read and commented on a recent astronomy article.

In the November 8 edition, he began an artlcle on dark matter, and here is the concluding part.

IF these things are true (without going into details), this would imply that several adjustments to current theory would need to be made:

1. Forces are not generated by particles. Instead, forces are a property of space that acts upon particles.

2. General Relativity is correct as far as time dilation and the increase of mass approaching the speed of light (explained below). General Relativity is wrong about space curving: ie space does not warp, contract, or curve.

3. Space is flat, 3d, Euclidean.

4. Spooky action at a distance may occur because its effects are dependent upon angle rather than distance.

5. One would assume that angle is quantized. If forces are dependent upon angle in the way described by AGR, gravity might at last be reconciled with the other forces at the quantum level.

General Relativity uses curved space to relate time dilation and increase-of-mass that occur both at speeds near the speed of light and also inside a gravity well. AGR explains the effects of each situation separately (effects near the speed of light vs effects in a gravity well).

Regarding speeds near the speed of light: for any object moving in space, angular gravity causes four centrifugal mutually opposing force vectors, perpendicular to the direction of travel. At normal speeds they are negligible, but as one approaches closer and closer to the speed of light, more and more of the accelerating force is transferred to these four mutually opposing vectors. Near the speed of light, they become so large that their impulse imparts an increased mass to the object.

Since no further acceleration in the direction of travel is possible, any and all rotations of particles within the object become impossible. Any particle, even a subatomic particle, has its motion so restricted that it is 'frozen' in place; ie any change itself slows down, coming to a standstill at the speed of light. Time is change; as change slows down and stops, this is the same thing as saying time slows down and stops.

Something similar happens in a gravity well: For any object in a strong gravity field, any type of rotation within the gravity field becomes more and more difficult the stronger the field is. Thus, time slows down for similar reasons.

Einstein posited four dimensional space-time and his theory of gravity curving space partly in order to relate these things (time dilation and increase-of-mass). This is a mistake, and time dilation happens in these two circumstances for two different reasons. Thus, I think that flat, 3d Euclidean space can be maintained, while still allowing for time dilation.

If this is true, then the famous experiment wherein gravity bent light is just saying that gravity also acts upon light; it is not necessarily saying that space is curved.

Angular Gravity Reversal is a new idea. Thus far, I am aware of only one other hypothesis that has attempted to explain these effects using reverse gravity. This hypothesis has been put forward by Dr Jamie Farnes at Oxford.

Though both hypothesis make use of reverse gravity, they posit very different causes. Farnes' hypothesis uses Einstein's idea of the possible existence of negative mass; according to his hypothesis, this negative mass is the cause of the effects attributed to dark matter and dark energy.

Whatever explanation researchers in the field of astrophysics ultimately settle upon, I am hopeful that in the near future the ideas of dark matter and dark energy will go the way of the Ptolemaic heavenly spheres and luminiferous aether of old.

For a more in-depth explanation, I refer readers to my reddit post at: www.reddit.com/r/MyTheoryIs/comments/87pcgq/what_dark_matter_is/ Joe.

Joe Bakhos, Big Bear City, CA

RHOOSE
for an Enchanting Village Christmas

Busy times at the Fontygary Inn

A quiet moment at a busy pub – the Fontygary Inn.

"WE'RE going to need a bigger pub!" joked Kevin, and approaching their 12th Christmas at the helm of The Fontygary Inn it's a 'headache' that landlords Kevin and Kerry Eade are happy to have!

The business has gone from strength to strength over the years and Kevin puts a lot of that down to engaging everyone, both customers and staff.

"We happily take any feedback from customers, and we encourage involvement and ideas from staff. Everyone is looking to help move us forward at all times. It's a great position to be in"

It certainly seems to be working. Their diary is already bulging with Christmas party bookings from families and businesses, all keen for another helping of Fontygary Inn food.

"It is definitely an aspect of our trade that is continuing to grow, and the reputation that our food is gathering is something that we are very proud of, as is our 5 star Food Hygine rating" added Kerry.

It's not just the food that's gathering a great reputation either. The pub hosts a smartphone Pub Quiz every Wednesday night that also continues to gather a big following, and the Big Christmas Quiz is already gaining huge interest.

It's another example of how The Fontygary Inn caters for as many customers as possible. A pub is not just for drinkers anymore.

If you want to watch big TV sport, play a game of pool, enjoy great food, stop for a coffee or just sit in a comfortable pub with a lovely atmosphere and a friendly welcome, The Fontygary Inn is the place visit.

Rhoose: the Vale village that should be a town

RHOOSE is one place in the Vale that is hard to categorise.

Its population has increased over the last 10 years, and it spreads out over quite an area now, far too big to be a village.

But, it has not yet been reclassified as a town, even though its population passed that of Cowbridge 20 years ago, and it is now more than 50 per cent bigger than the Vale's well-known market town.

Indeed, at the 2000 census, Rhoose was just over half the size of Llantwit Major, but by 2016, it was up to 75 per cent (6,230 against 8,552).

The town's shopping area is concentrated along its main road, either side of the primary school and, with its proximity to the Heritage Coast, it is a popular holiday area.

It seems to be the case that businesses who open in Rhoose seem to stay open, quickly establishing a regular clientele and giving the business owners a chance to grow steadily and in a sustainable way.

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A warm welcome all year round at Deano's

Dean (right0 and Jordan at work in Rhoose.

IF you need evidence that Rhoose is a good place to do business then just take a look at Deano's Barber Shop.

Dean has been cutting and styling hair in Rhoose for 19 years – in fact, it will be 20 years in August next year.

Jordan has been with Dean for two years, and business is good, something Dean puts down to the fact that Rhoose is "on the up".

With a new primary school proposed for the area, and new houses being built, ans a steady stream of visitors using Fontygary leisure centre, it means there is plenty of demand.

In fact, they open at 7am on weekdays, and at 6.30am on a Saturday.

Complete opening times are: Monday to Wednesday, 7am–4.30pm: Thursday and Friday, 7am–6pm; and Saturdays, 6.30am–4pm.

They will be open on a few days between Christmas and New Year, and it is advisable to google Deano's Barber Shop nearer the time for details.

Dean and Jordan are looking forward to seeing both regular and new customers throughout December, and there will be Christmas drinks and mince pies.

Get your pooch primped at Posh Pawz

IF you want your pet dog looking his or her best for the festive season, then the place to visit is Posh Pawz, on the main street in Rhoose.

Kath has been in town for over six years now, and Christmas is the busiest time of the year, with owners smartening up their dogs before taking them to family gatherings.

It is in fact, it is her seventh Christmas here, so customers what to expect.

Kath said: "The support from the people of Rhoose over the years has been great, and I would like to wish all over customers a very happy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you next year."

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Let Sublime help you look your best

(Left to right): Tyler, Ceri and Vanessa at Sublime Hair and Beauty.

THERE's a wealth of experience available at Sublime Hair and Beauty in Rhoose.

Owner Vanessa has been in the 'hair business' for 26 years, and her speciality is colouring – in fact, she taught the subject in the past when she was a 'colour educator'.

One special offer at the moment is a free Kikito Oil Treatment Cleanser with every colour and blowdry, and Sublime has another special offer – a bilingual service for anyone who wants to practice their conversational Welsh while in the chair.

Also, with the Christmas season in mind, Sublime will be offering a number of special offers, and it is well worth checking the salon's Facebook page to make sure you don't miss anything.

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Far more than just a village...

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Indeed, on visiting local traders, the feeling was that Rhoose is 'on the up' and that the future looks very bright.

New homes are being built in the area and a new primary school, with 210 places to complement the existing Rhws Primary School is planned by the Vale Council – although that decision is currently subject to a consultation process.

Rhoose Community Centre on Stewart Road is busy during the days with local groups holding activities such as zumba, youth groups, dance, WI, mothers and toddlers and badminton.

It's a community centre that is very much used by the community – always a good sign.

In fact, community is a word that crops up frequently in Rhoose.

There is a Rhoose Community Library, and a Rhoose Community Cinema.

The library came about after council budget cuts put its future in jeopardy, but volunteers rallied round to keep it open.

Similarly the community cinema aims to keep movie-going alive in the age of Netfix and Sky Movies.

The library has a number of events in the pipeline, including:

• A grand Christmas raffle that launched earlier this month. For tickets and viewing prizes please visit the library.

• Christmas Special Event 'Get Your Jingle On' on Saturday, December 8, 1:45pm to 4:30pm at Celtic Way Community Hall featuring the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band.

There will also be a demonstration of making Christmas decorations and wreaths, and carol singing with the band and Christmas stalls for crafts, RCL chutneys and preserves and a tombola.

• There will be a community Christmas Pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, on Tuesday, december 18, 6pm to 8pm at Stewart Road Community Hall.

The grand Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale and the raffle will be drawn at the end of the show.

In the run up to Remembrance Day, the community cinema showed the World War One film, *Journey's End,* while the most recent offering was in a lighter vein, *The Book Club,* starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda et al.

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Get great service at The Barber Shack

YOU can get great service at the Barber Shack in Rhoose, where Cory O'Toole can offer all the best barbering skills from his premises in Fontygary Road.

You can make an appointment, or just walk in for a range of services including hot towel shaves, fades, beards and traditional cuts.

A special service that Cory offers is that he is 'autism friendly'.

Opening hours at the Barber Shack are 9am to 6.30pm (Monday to Friday but closed on a Tuesday), 8am to 4pm on Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

You can stay up to date with all that's on offer by following Cory on Facebook @barbershack

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Great food as usual at The Highwayman

The Highwayman has a well-deserved reputation for great food and great value.

THE Highwayman at Fonmon, near Rhoose, is one of the Vale's best-known dining venues, and it is looking forward to a very busy festive season.

A new menu was launched recently and owner Derek Gaynor has been delighted with the response from customers.

He said: "It's going really well and we have been really busy."

One of the advantages of being established for such a long time is the number of customers who keep coming back.

Christmas Day itself at the Highwayman sold out back in January, and there has been great demand for Christmas party bookings, but there are still spaces available for Christmas meals, for small groups and for larger parties.

The three-course Christmas party menu is £24.95 (Monday to Thursday), but on Friday and Saturday, with live entertainment included, it is £27.95.

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Rhoose has so much to offer

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Elsewhere in the town, the Rhoose and District Social Club is a regular venue for local bands.

The excellent community spirit in the town was highlighted by the very large turnout for the recent Remembrance weekend.

The GEM carried photographs last week, and the Royal British Legion's organiser, Jeff James, made a point of thanking everyone who attended (see facing page).

It would be remiss, at this point, to fail to mention one significant reason behind Rhoose's status as an 'on the up' community – whether you call it a village or a town doesn't really matter.

There has always been something uplifting about its place at the top of the cliffs.

It means that you are never far from being able to look out over the Bristol Channel, and you can't help feeling an uplifting reaction to that view.

It's a great point to step out along the Wales Coastal Path too, so with the various eating places, it's a great day to start and finish a scenic walk.

After all, there's no reason to let the locals keep that view all to themselves.

PHILIP IRWIN

New bar and grill is the recipe for success

The bar at the Cambrian Grill.

IT'S always good when an established business 'takes off' and 'spreads its wings' in a new way, and that is very much the case with The Cambrian Bar & Grill.

Sorry about the flying analogy, but it used to be known as 'the Flying Club' and it overlooks the runway at Cardiff Airport.

Now, it is a free house, with a restaurant and bar and is open so that the general public can take in the balcony views of the airport and the surrounding countryside.

The Cambrian has built on its reputation for outstanding Sunday lunches, great value breakfasts and home-cooked lunches, and has recently introduced a new grill menu for Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Cambrian is open seven days a week, 365 days of the year, from 9am every day, with ample free parking.

A spokesman told The GEM that the recent relaunch had been a huge success, and they are well on the way to making The Cambrian a real must to visit in the Vale.

Property developer leaves lasting legacy in Rhoose

VISITORS to a park in Rhoose will be able to view a spring floral display because of a construction company. Taylor Wimpey South Wales has donated 600 daffodil bulbs which have been planted in Milburn Park in the village. This is part of the property company's national 'Proud' campaign, which, said a spokesperson, "... aims to show its commitment and pride in leaving a lasting legacy in the communities in which it builds".

THE CAMBRIAN
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The Cambrian Bar and Grill was established in 2008 and is located at the top end of Rhoose Road in the seaside village of Rhoose in the Vale of Glamorgan. We have a beautiful balcony overlooking the runway of Cardiff International Airport and the surrounding countryside, situated on the first floor of the White Building formerly known as 'The Flying Club.' It is now a **Free House Restaurant/Bar** and is open to the general public.

We are open 7 days a week 365 days of the year from 9am **EVERY DAY**. We have ample **FREE** parking so just come in and join us.

- Freshly prepared breakfast is served daily from 9am until 12am Monday to Saturday and 9am until 10.30am Sunday. Why not try our **Co-pilot, Captains or the ultimate 747 Jumbo breakfast** (if you dare) from just £5.00 inclusive of hot drink and toast. Or maybe just relax with a cuppa and bacon buttie?
- Our variety of home cooked lunches and lighter menu served from 12pm until 2.30pm Monday to Saturday will tempt the taste buds. Or check out our lunchtime **'Flying Club Famous Five'** lunchtime winter special's, served Monday to Thursday 12pm until 2.30pm, £5.50 for course or £7.00 for 2 courses. Whatever your age!!
- **NEW for Friday and Saturday evenings**, we offer a grill menu including succulent locally produced steaks, mixed grills, juicy chicken and much much more, including our **FREE** help yourself evening salad bar. All served with a choice of home cut chips, saute potatoes or baked potato, served from 5.30pm until 8.30pm.
- **Our legendary Sunday Lunches** (we only serve traditional Sunday Lunches on a Sunday) have been established over the last 10 years and we offer a selection of meats, all served with a tureen, of seasonal vegetables, potatoes, stuffing and a homemade Yorkshire Pudding (yes everybody gets a Pud). Please book early to avoid disappointment.
- We serve a fine selection of beers, ales, wines and spirits, all competitively priced.

'Good pub grub at great prices. So give it a go or you'll never know'

Albert Primary pupils are spotted supporting Children in Need

Albert Primary's Children in Need event raised £420.

ON November 16, the whole of Albert Primary School donned their spots to support Children in Need.

Children in Need currently supports 2,400 projects across the UK. The projects it funds help children facing a range of disadvantages; poverty and deprivation; children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people.

As it is an important charity for the school, the Pupil Council met a few weeks ago to decide the best way they could support the charity. After listening to the children, they decided to hold a 'Spotacular' day.

Pupils were invited to bring in an old plain t-shirt to design and create their own Spotacular top during the day, which was worn over their school uniform. They were are also invited to come dressed for 'The Big Spotacular,' with as many spots as possible.

The donations raised £420 and everyone involved is thanked for their support and generosity.

By Seren Dalton (10) and Sam Bolt (9)

Dirty rings, clean rings, and Dione

WE recently took a brief tour around some of the many moons which orbit all but two of the planets in our solar system.

I ended by promising a closer look at the planet Mercury which, together with Venus, is one of those two moonless planets. Perhaps I should have waited a week or so, because in the interim, the Planetary Science Institute (PSI) has announced the startling discovery of long straight lines on the surface of Saturn's moon, Dione, so before changing course for Mercury, we'll extend our stay a little at the outer planets….

Photographed by the Cassini spacecraft, the lines on Dione are ruler straight, between ten and 100 km long and less than five km wide. They lie parallel to each other and the moon's equator and are described as looking like they have been 'painted on'.

It has been suggested that they may have been caused by impacts from dust sized material from Saturn's rings with low enough velocity to form long linear streaks, but this is just a hypothesis. They are certainly quite bizarre and as, apart from with that recent iceberg, long straight lines are not generally found in nature, it is almost tempting to think they are not of natural origin.

Mercury, named after the fleet footed messenger of the Greek gods, travels at an astonishing 30 miles per second as it orbits the Sun at a distance of 36 million miles in just 88 days. Mercury's surface is heavily cratered, similar to our Moon's, suggesting that it has been geologically inactive for billions of years.

The temperature on the side of Mercury facing the Sun reaches as high as 400ºC, but drops to a chilly minus 200ºC on the side facing away from the Sun.

The main curiosity about Mercury, however, relates to the precession of its orbital path.

It wasn't too long after Newton published his laws of motion that people noticed something wasn't quite right with them and, for almost two centuries, astronomers had been unable to explain a small anomaly in Mercury's observed orbits around the Sun.

All the planets orbit the Sun in slight ovals and the point at which they each come closest to the Sun is called perihelion. Mercury's perihelion advances by a small amount each orbit. This is true for the other planets also, and it is called perihelion precession. This is a well understood phenomenon which is predicted by classical (Newtonian) mechanics.

For Mercury, however, the observed amount of precession differs from the predicted value by the small amount of 43 arcseconds per century. For a while, people assumed that a mystery planet called Vulcan or an undiscovered asteroid field added extra mass to the equations to explain why Mercury precessed so quickly, but nothing showed up.

The search for Vulcan was finally abandoned in 1915 when Einstein successfully explained why Mercury moves the way it does. Einstein's general relativity theorised that mass warps space, and being so close to the Sun, Mercury orbits a region where spacetime is significantly curved due to the extreme gravity exerted by the Sun's great mass.

When Einstein calculated the magnitude of the effect produced by the contribution of the extra curvature of space on Mercury's precession, he got precisely the previously unexplained 43 seconds of arc. A spectacular confirmation of his theory of general relativity.

During October this year in a joint European and Japanese endeavour known as BepiColumbo, two satellites were launched, headed for Mercury. The probes, stacked together for their long journey to the inner solar system, will take seven years to arrive at their destination. Between them, they will study the planet's magnetic field, its interaction with the solar wind and also map the terrain, sense the interior and collect data on the structure and composition of the planet's surface.

NORMAN LLOYD

Season of lunchtime concerts in Penarth church concludes

THE Music at Lunchtime autumn season of concerts at All Saints' Church, Penarth comes to an end next Monday, November 26 with a recital by Kathryn Rees (harp) and Rebecca Warner (cello).

Kathryn Anne Rees.

Kathryn and Rebecca are both professional musicians and have performed at All Saints' Church on several occasions in the past.

This time the audience can look forward to hearing Vivaldi's Sonata VIII for Cello, Debussy's Clair de Lune, John Williams' theme for *Schindler's List* arranged by Rebecca for harp and cello, and much more.

Music at Lunchtime concerts at All Saints' Church in Victoria Square, Penarth start at 1pm and last around an hour with doors open for refreshments on the Gallery from 12.30pm. Audience members are invited to bring their lunch along and eat café style upstairs. There is a lift to the first floor and the church is totally accessible to disabled people.

More information on lunchtime concerts, including the 2019 spring season and evening concerts at All Saints' appear at www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Rebecca Warner.

Advent coffee morning at St Illtyd's

ST Illtyd's Advent coffee morning, and cake and craft fair, takes place this Saturday, November 24, from 10.30am.

Father David Lloyd, the parish priest of the church in Newcastle, Bridgend, said: "There is still time to get your creative hats on and bake a cake, make some biscuits, or be a little crafty and make decorations and other small gifts for the tree, family or friends with all proceeds going to parish funds.

"You don't need to be a churchgoer to attend, and you are more than welcome to bring a friend or two. There will be a tombola, cake and other foodie stalls, and the bumper Christmas hamper raffle with tickets at £1 per strip.

"Any donations for the hamper will be gratefully received, and tickets for the coffee morning cost £3, which includes a mince pie, and coffee or tea."

The raffle will be drawn at the Gaudete Sunday carols by candlelight service on December 16.

For more information and to book tickets, call 01656 655999 or search for @saintilltydbridgend on Facebook.

News in brief

Football legend visits Cardiff

FOOTBALL legend John Toshack returns to Cardiff this week to launch his new autobiography, *Toshack's Way: My Journey Through Football*, in an event hosted by Penarth's Griffin Books and chaired by BBC Radio Wales sports commentator Ian Hunt.

The book tells Toshack's story: the decade at the top as a player, unprecedented success as a manager; glories across the Mediterranean and constant cultural discovery around the globe.

The champion ex-Cardiff City, Liverpool and Swansea City player will be at The Angel Hotel, Cardiff, on Thursday, November 22 with doors open from 7pm.

Contact Griffin Books in Penarth to reserve a place.

Trading standards advice

HAVE you had a problem related to trading standards, or would you like to chat to an adviser from the Trading Standards Cardiff and Vale team?

Age Vale is holding a drop in information session on Tuesday, December 4 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; just come along. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

George Michael tribute

THE Deputy Mayor's fundraiser in December takes the form of 'Forever George (Michael) Tribute', on December 10 at 7.30pm at the Paget Rooms, Penarth.

Advance tickets are £15, available at Hi Plan, Foxys, West House, Penarth or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/575173.

How Barry obtained gas and electricity...

Local historian Laurie Owen continues his look at how Barry grew rapidly from a small village to a large town from 1880 on.

THE Barry and Cadoxton Gas and Water Company was set up in 1887 and two years later, the Companies Bill passed through both Houses of Parliament and received Royal Assent.

The Local Board was not assembled until 1888, so were powerless to prevent private enterprise from bringing this new form of lighting into the daily lives of ordinary people. Given all the other elements of infrastructure needing attention, it was probably the best outcome.

However, it was surprising that no local businessmen were involved, as chairman Fred Davis JP of Ferndale (a director of the Docks and Railway Company) and TA Walker, the contractor who built the Docks, headed up this influential group. Other directors included George Fisher JP (Taff Vale Railway); James Ware JP; ship-owner TR Thompson; John B Ferrier; E Handcock; Thomas Webb of Tunbridge Wells and Lewis Williams JP (a Cardiff Iron Merchant), serving on the Barry Local Board.

Amid the general chaos of those early days with houses shooting up, streets being laid, horses and carts delivering supplies and the imminent prospect of bad weather, residents would surely have dreaded the sight of more gangs of men laying gas pipes in almost every street. When the chairman then announced in September 1889, that all gas mains had been laid in the 'completed roads' of Cadoxton and Barry, this may have lifted the spirits of some. As soon as plans were passed by the Local Board, trunk mains would be connected to the Gas Works in Broad Street (where the Civic Offices are now). He felt sure they would be manufacturing gas in about six weeks, when their fires could be lit for the first time.

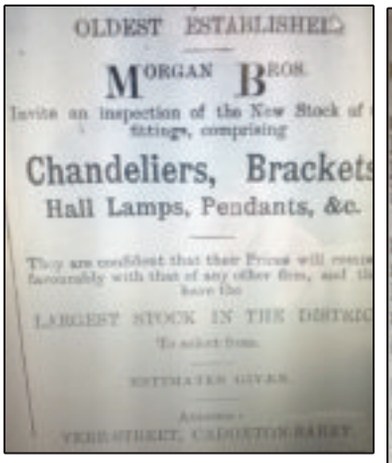
Fred Davis, chairman of the Gas Company.

A grand affair took place in December, when local dignitaries and directors of the company were greeted at the works for the very first time. There were two large 'triple-burner' lamps, each of 150 candle power and complemented by two smaller varieties, with gas jets lighting up the offices and works.

After an exciting tour of the works, well-known restaurateur RP Culley supplied a large banquet in the offices, which had been transformed into a dining room.

Engineer and company secretary Frederick Mole Harries informed the audience that when he arrived in 1887, it was a "dismal, dreary place and a veritable wilderness of mud and discomfort", with hardly a house between Barry and Cadoxton, other than the police station. He then told how they had bought the machinery in a great depression, with prices 30 per cent lower than present. He talked of hiring out stoves in the summer, to bring fresh income and confirmed that gas fires would be cheaper than coal.

Good quality gas was now readily available for properties in East Barry, a giant step forward for ordinary people, who had only used candles, lamps and coal fires.



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ESTIMATES GIVEN.

VERE STREET, CADOXTON-BARRY.

Morgan Bros in 1889.

(The 1889 advert by the enterprising Morgan Bros of Vere Street invited customers to inspect a new stock of gas fittings, chandeliers and hall lamps.)

Within four months, public gas lamps were lit on the streets of Holton for the first time and gas mains had been laid and supplied to all of Cadoxton and east Barry, where half the houses being built had gas and water.

At a meeting in February 1891, with the offices open and discussions already about another gas holder, prospects were so good that directors were awarded £500 for services rendered and a 5 per cent dividend for the first time. The company next arranged gas cookery lectures in Cadoxton and Barry, to arouse interest in the economy and efficiency of gas.

A year later, with 378 public gas lamps, lamp-lighters were paid £1.11s.6d a week while lamp-cleaners had four shillings less. This issue was debated and 'deferred', a word ever-present during this whole period, with such a great deal being spent out of the public purse.

On a personal note, in the 1940s we had a gas lamp outside our front door with Nobby Small as the lamp-lighter and he also swept our chimneys.

It was recorded that in the decade 1881-91, the population had grown from 496 to 12,671.

With the company established and profitable after just three years, how angry they must have felt when in September 1892, a public meeting of ratepayers agreed that the Local Board should apply to Parliament seeking the compulsory purchase of the Gas and Water Company. Such was its importance, they felt that residents would be better served if it were in public ownership.

After great opposition from the company and its eminent counsel, agreement was finally reached for the Local Board to pay £149,000 for the undertaking, £17,000 for their debenture stock and £3,000 in legal fees. A later article recorded that the total had in fact been £190,859, with some members still voicing concerns of overpayment. These massive amounts were to be repaid over 40, 50 and 10 years for the gas, water and costs.

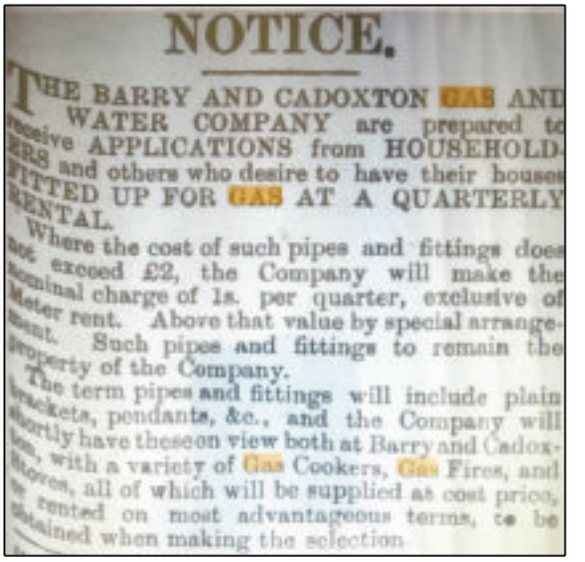
In 1893 householders were charged 4s.2d per 1,000 feet, with a discount for prompt payment and questions were being asked why it was so high. One penny of gas would fuel two burners for three hours and Cardiff/Penarth were charging 3s, Newport 3s.2d and Merthyr 3s.8d.

Four years later the gas mantle which had previously shone light to the ceiling was adapted to burn downwards into the room and around the same time, 'penny-in-the-slot' meters were introduced for people to pay in advance.

These two events reminded me of the time in the 1940s when my mother was shaking the cloth to put on the table and hit the mantle above, causing quite a commotion. We also had a shilling in the meter in the front room, with the coins kept in a small pot.

The Council held gas exhibitions at the Romilly Hall, with domestic cookery lectures to encourage women to buy or hire cookers at 2s.6d a quarter. On show would be the famous 'Eureka' model of John Wright of Birmingham, together with gas fires, grates, cooking ranges and washing and laundry apparatus.

By July 1897, 18 miles of gas mains had been laid and 507 public lamps had been erected. The clerk to the council, JA Hughes, also reported a total population of 26,975 with 1,433 gas consumers and 619 stoves in use. There was no mention in the meeting of the seemingly small number of paying households, in fact they were pleased that usage had increased since the buy-out.



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The term pipes and fittings will include plain brackets, pendants, &c., and the Company will shortly have these on view both at Barry and Cadoxton, with a variety of Gas Cookers, Gas Fires, and Stoves, all of which will be supplied at cost price, or rented on most advantageous terms, to be obtained when making the selection.

Advertisement of 1890.

It should be remembered that after dark in the 1880s was a dismal time, with lighting only from candles, oil lamps or the coal fire. In 1891 paraffin lamps were being used indoors, but they could be dangerous, as in 1900 when 30 year old Mary Lewis of Queen Street died in her bed after her lamp exploded, engulfing the room in fire.

Electricity was being discussed in February 1890, as a means of lighting the Docks. In the summer, the Public Works Committee were also studying a proposal to light the district by means of the 'Barry and Cardiff Electric Light and Power Supply (Ltd)'. This new company was advised to apply to the Board of Trade for permission to lay down mains, but for some reason they delayed that process.

A year later Captain Frederick Murrell of 'St Osyth' gave a long and interesting lecture on 'How Ocean Cables are laid'. As a former steamer captain with vast experience, his comments on electricity were illuminating and relevant to this story.

"The submarine cable consists of a conductor which is charged with that wonderful agent electricity, which we cannot yet understand. In fact no one has found out what it is. We know that by a certain law, copper and zinc plates or poles will generate it but to prove what it is, science has not up to the present determined."

As an intelligent and experienced gentleman, his comments may have had some impact on the board members in their deliberations.

The coming of the railways had opened people's eyes to the delights of visiting the seaside and 250,000 came to Barry Island in the summer of 1892. In an effort to increase and benefit from those numbers, the now renamed Barry Railway Company actively discussed constructing an electric tramway from Barry Station to the Island, using the excess power they already had. This idea was later dropped when they built a railway extension to the Island.

When the graving docks were opened in the summer of 1893 at a total cost of £76,300, they were fully lit by electricity and when the flour mills opened a decade later, they were the first in the country to be powered in that way. A few months after the opening of the Windsor Hotel in August 1896, proprietor John Weaver of Cardiff had engaged a firm to fit out the hotel with electric lighting, the first time in Barry apart from the docks.

Eight months later, all passenger trains of the Barry Company were lit by electricity.

An interesting letter appeared in the Barry Dock News of 1898 from Hamilton Murrell in Baltimore. The son of Frederick, he was the heroic sea captain who rescued hundreds of migrants in the Atlantic, later living in Porthkerry Road. Hamilton was an ardent supporter of trams and was keen to encourage the council to go ahead with electric tramways, as they have 'superseded horses and steam trams'.

In a rebuke to councillors, it was reported in 1900 that the UK was building 166 miles of electric tramways each year, yet Barry had none.

In November the Board of Trade at the House of Commons discussed the 'Barry Electric Lighting Bill', for the production, storage and supply to the district. Eighteen months later, the South Wales Electrical Power Company leased three acres adjoining the docks and erected a large generating station. Initially, the council made the case for obtaining a supply from them rather than setting up their own plant. With hostility from some ratepayers, in October 1905 councillor Dr Sixsmith also let rip when he referred to the company as a "hydra-headed monster" whose only desire was to "get a grip at the throats of the ratepayers".

The decision was again deferred, until a year later the UDC decided to supply the district with electricity, but the Chamber of Trade were still objecting on the grounds of cost and it did not happen.

In October 1919, it was suggested that Barry should amalgamate with Cardiff for several reasons but as ever, some councillors were for and some against. The only topic of interest to this story was that PJ O'Donnell, who was still serving on various committees after 30 years, was forced to defend the fact that the town still did not have its own electricity supply. While discussed as early as 1890, the public and ratepayers were not in favour.

It seems possible that having borrowed a great deal of money to buy the Gas and Water Company in 1893, they were content to debate the issue of electricity but no more. With their publicly-owned gas company, why would they support a private company competing against them?

Finally in December 1924, cable was laid for the town's electricity supply.

What's on - in brief

Model Show in Barry

ON Sunday, November 25, there will be a Model Show at Barry War Museum with a variety of stands showing models made by groups such as St Athan Modellers, Cardiff Plastic Aeroplanes, and Models for Heroes.

This last organisation provides modelling kits and materials to groups supporting the mental and physical health and well-being of ex-service people and others.

One of the features of the show will be a row of model aircraft replicating the static line-up of RAF/MoD St Athan's popular 'at home' days when the public were invited onto the base to view the aeroplanes. This is to mark 80 years of RAF/MoD St Athan.

The autumn Model Show starts at 10 am and there will be an opportunity to look around the exhibits at Barry War Museum too; this is located at Barry Island Railway Station. Refreshments are available from the on-site cafe and admission is free.

Christmas Festival in Tondu

WESLEY Church Centre Tondu (the Methodist Church) will hold their annual Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday, December 1 between 10am and 3pm.

Christmas trees provided by local organisations and decorated in a variety of themes will light up the church and in the hall there will be a range of stalls with refreshments available.

On Wednesday, December 5 at 5pm there is a carol service with contributions by Tondu Primary School choir.

On the morning of Sunday, December 9 at 10.30am there is an all age Nativity and parade service (and there is no service that afternoon). All are welcome to these events.

AM's surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold a surgery on Friday, December 7 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry between 9.30am and 11am. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next lecture of the season will be on Friday, December 7 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

From Cesspit to WC; From Well to Tap: Sewage and Water Supply in Cowbridge, by Dick Buswell (chair, Cowbr

Remembrance in Rhoose

AS reported with a range of photographs in last week's GEM, the Rhoose Remembrance parade was supported by representatives of all three services of the Armed Forces past and present, and others.

Organiser Jeff James (pictured) said: "I would like to thank all those who took part."

Fun and fundraising at local school

St Clare's nursery pupils in their outfits.

PUPILS at St Clare's, Porthcawl, from the nursery to the sixth form, were all involved in the BBC's annual Children in Need Appeal.

Sixth-form pupils volunteered to have their legs waxed to raise money for the charity.

A spokeswoman said: "We held a Rent-a-Sixth Former auction, raffles, wore fancy dress, covered a Pudsey in coins, decorated cupcakes and hula hooped our way to raising almost £2,000."

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Concert will feature 'something for everyone'

TO celebrate 20 years of singing together, Côr Bro Ogwr presents a concert "down our own Memory Lane".

The choristers, many of whom were there at its beginning, were asked to choose their favourite music from the past 20 years. Our conductor, Rosie Howarth and the music committee, faced with whittling down a very large list, divided it into sections.

So we will be presenting music from our tours, Oratorio, Opera, Welsh music, and that old favourite, Miscellaneous. Our conductor Emeritus, Alun John, was also asked for his choices and will be conducting some of these.

We were pleased to secure a popular voice from the past: tenor Richard Allen, who accompanied us on tour and at many of our concerts in our early days. He can be assured of a warm welcome from the choir, as will our soprano Erin Alexander who has become a regular guest soloist and joined us on our recent tour to Germany.

Baritone Jack Bowtell is new to the choir but has connections with us.

The Côr Bro Ogwr Orchestra, as the name implies, has accompanied us regularly so the evening will be one big family affair!

This will be an evening to remember, with something for everyone.

Saturday, December 8 at 7pm in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl. Tickets £10 from choir members, at the door, or on 01656 653326.

Dominique Spearey

A chance to look back on 2018 for Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club

Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club members with their awards.

LLANTWIT MAJOR Surf Lifesaving Club recently held its end of season presentation evening and it was a chance for the club to come together and look back on the 2018 season.

The evening started with medals presented to all 'sand hoppers' (five to seven years) and special mentions for those graduating to the nipper section for the 2019 season.

Nipper coach Simon Jennings thanked Emily Godsell and Liz Durrant for their dedication and support; Chris Sawyer for taking the trailer every week; Jamie and Steve Bartlett Jenkins and Lee Eustace for their help on the beach and the pool; water safety cover support Nicole Butterworth, Natalie McDonagh and Tom Woodhall, and Debbie and Darren Lewis for their support and fundraising.

The nipper awards for 2018 went to: Pleasure to coach – Ianto Lewis and Tahlia Rane; Newcomer – Ethan Pledge and Martha Pegrum; Most improved – Anais Bartlet-Jenkins and Scott Sawyer; Most committed – Maverick Jennings; Determined finisher – Ben Butterworth and Josie Thomas; Team performer – Elian Davies; Improved pool swim times – Alfie Smith, Elsie Davies and Josie Gronow; Nippers 'nipper' – Dylan and Tilly Godsell; Coaches 'nipper' – Lena Davies.

The Daf Saunders award (past member) for inspirational competitors went to Bell and Flo Durrant, who won British Gold medals at the GBs in Cornwall.

The Junior section followed with Jon Foster thanking everyone for welcoming his family to the club earlier in the year.

He remarked how well attended the summer beach competitions had been, with a number of members travelling to Cornwall and competing in the challenging surf at the British championships.

Thanks also went to Wendy Olsen and Sarah Thomas for their support and work behind the scenes with the juniors; Rachel Mountford, Donna Craythorne, Alex Bourner and Nikki Edwards for always being there and parent support; Claire and Phil Thomas, Tam Pitt and Dai Morgan for the water safety cover; Andrew McDonagh and Gethin Edwards for their technical training and water safety; Cath Miles and Gareth Price for ski paddling and Sian Davies for Monday pool coaching.

The junior awards for 2018 went to: Best newcomer – Tash Stokes-Moffat and Cai Beasley; Most committed – Lena Davies and Tom Edwards; Junior ski paddler – Kate Olsen; Griffiths Memorial Trophy for Junior Girl Superstar – Mollie Bourner; Croyd Rock, most progressive junior – Rhiana Morgan; Junior Captain for 2019 – Morgan Edwards.

Chairman Gethin Edwards thanked everybody who puts the hours in week after week for the club and also the children.

Special awards went to: Ivy Downie Plate for ladies competition and beach patrol – Nicole Butterworth; Emily Godsell – Priority Bowl; Jon Foster – Ruby Trophy and the Chairman's Trophy went to Dai Morgan.

If you would like to find out more about the club, see www.llantwitmajorslsc.org.uk.

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Ar ochr y de-orllewin o bwynt 12.3 metr tua'r gogledd-orllewin o gyffordd The Butts tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 12.3 metr, yn agos at y cyfyngiadau parcio cyfredol.
Cynnig Diddymu Gwahardd Aros Dydd Llun i Ddydd Sadwrn 8am tan 6.30pm.
Porth y Gorllewin Y Bont Faen – Map AA27
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Dyddiedig 22 Tachwedd 2018
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2018

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes
to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.
2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this
proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF868) in writing by 14th December 2018 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.
3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally
obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:
Vale of Glamorgan Council Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time.
Westgate Cowbridge – Map AA27
On the north-eastern side, from the north-eastern boundary of property no. 5 in north-westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.
On the north-eastern side, from a point 28 metres south-west of the junction of Eagle Lane in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 1.80 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.
On the south-western side, from a point 12.3 metres north-west of the junction of The Butts in a north-westerly direction for a distance 12.3 metres contiguous with existing parking restrictions.
Propose Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting Mon – Sat, 8am to 6.30pm.
Westgate Cowbridge – Map AA27
On the north-eastern side, from a point 21.5 metres south-west of the north-western boundary of property no.11 in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Dated this 22nd day of November 2018
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Council and AM are at loggerheads over car parking 'profits'

A ROW has broken out between Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and regional AM Suzy Davies over her claim that the council has managed to turn a profit of £369,000 from car parking two years ago into a loss in the past 12 months of more than £600,000.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies said that she is writing to Labour council leader Huw David to find out how the situation has turned around by almost £1m between April 2016 and this April.

However, a BCBC spokesman said that Mrs Davies had misinterpreted the figures, saying: "We can confirm that the council has not made any losses on car parking revenue, and that both the day-to-day running costs and income streams for council car parks remain consistent."

Mrs Davies said: "This situation has arisen, despite the Rhiw car park being open again for most of this period and a consultation to raise parking charges.

"An FOI from Welsh Conservatives has revealed that in the financial year 2015/16, there was a profit for ratepayers of more than £360,000 from the borough's car parks.

"In the year 2016/17, the council lost £174,000, which should have set alarm bells ringing but for the last financial year 2017/18, that loss has more than trebled to £644,000.

"High council parking charges are already a major element in deterring shoppers from our high streets. It is unbelievable to now hear that as well as inflicting these damaging deterrent effects on traders, residents are also having to subsidise the car parks by such a massive sum at a time when the council is closing public toilets and axing bus services.

"It must take a certain type of genius to turn around what was a money-raising operation into one that is now a drain on the public finances.

"Is it the Rhiw car park in Bridgend? That was built with taxpayers' money under the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable places programme. It's hard to believe that ticketing problems there would have sucked so much money out of the system.

"Was it anything to do with the temporary displacement of council staff parking while the council offices have been refurbished ? Again, I'd be surprised if that accounts for such a loss. Is the cost of new machines and of staff checking and collecting the money now more than the sum it brings in?

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC cabinet member for communities: "I can assure Suzy Davies that arriving at the correct figure does not take 'a certain type of genius', just someone who understands local government financial processes.

"The AM appears to be quoting notional sums which reflect the holding of fixed assets used purely as an internal accounting adjustment, but these should never have been read as an accurate record of car park income.

"The truth of the matter is that we have not sustained any losses on our car parking income whatsoever, and her claims are incorrect."

Coffee at Illtyd 216

HERE we are nearly at the beginning of December again, and thinking about getting together for Jo's annual coffee morning.

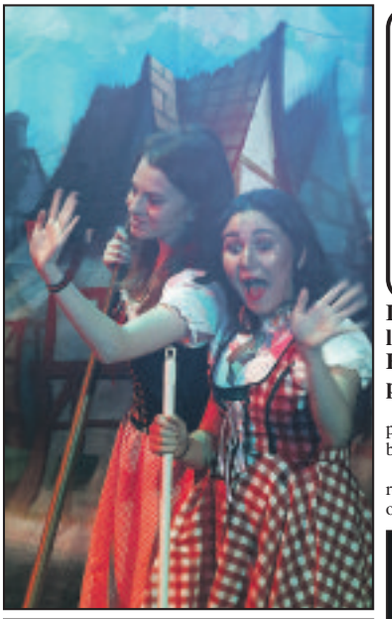
It will be held in Illtyd 216 on Friday, December 7 from 10am til 12pm. Tickets are £10 each, this includes hot drink, confectionery and raffle. All money goes to Holme Towers charity. £1 lucky dip if you feel lucky.

Belshazzar's Feast on tour

IN a Christmas show that mixes traditional folk music, seasonal material, classical, pop and music hall, Belshazzar's Feast will play on Wednesday, December 19 at Llantrisant Folk Club in Pontyclun Institute Athletic Club, Palalwyf Avenue, Castan Road, Pontyclun at 8.30pm.

Tickets £9/£6 members.

Cinderella makes an appearance in Blaengarw Workmen's Hall



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IT was a case of 'for one night only' last week at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall as the panto *Cinderella* was performed.

The GEM understands, however, that the production is now going on tour, and will be back in Blaengarw in the New Year.

The local company has gained a strong reputation in recent years, and this festive offering lived up to that reputation.

GVS is briefed by The GEM

From left: Andy Johnstone (Glamorgan GEM), Conway Hawkins (Vale Youth Forum), Linda Burnell (Flat Holm Society), Nicholas Cushen (Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club), Kate Housley (Contact the Elderly) and Lynda Wallis (Vale 50+ Strategy Forum).

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) was pleased to host a briefing session on Nov-ember 15 with Andy Johnstone of The GEM.

Representatives from small local voluntary groups in the Vale benefited from asking questions and gaining important tips and advice, which would all help to contribute in gaining press coverage for their organisation.

A delegate said: "Mr Johnstone was very informative, knowledge-able and accessible, it was also a great networking opportunity."

If you are involved with a small voluntary group in the Vale and would like to attend any of the future sessions, please contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales; www.gvs.wales.

Go to **The GEM** website for the latest stories and breaking news... **glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

Phoenix under-18s emerge with the win in tight game

BASED on the previous meeting of Nelson under-18 girls and Pencoed Phoenix under-18 girls, this league match was always going to be a close contest at the Park ground.

Phoenix played with the elements during the opening half and took the lead with a try from scrum half and captain Evie Evans.

It soon became apparent that the home threes could spell danger and this became a reality on the scoreboard with two fine converted tries to lead 14-5.

Approaching half-time, Phoenix kept themselves in contention with a try at the posts from Jade Thomas, the back row forward deserving of a score after making a number of clean breaks earlier in the half, Evie Evans adding the conversion.

At 14-12 down at the break, with a biting wind to face, this certainly appeared an uphill task for Phoenix and even their most ardent supporters could not have felt confident about the eventual outcome.

To their credit, the Phoenix players thought otherwise and a resolute defence allied to a strong pack performance kept them in the match.

The front row of Dionne Tapner, hooker Rosie Carr and Meg Jenkins were in the ascendancy, taking a couple against the head and putting their opponents on the back foot, their efforts supplemented by Georgina Davies, Ella Jones and back row forwards Katie Carr, Thomas and Jess Tuck, who was enjoying one of her best performances.

Under sustained pressure only metres out from their own line, Phoenix somehow kept the home side at bay and broke away for Liv Evans to snap up possession close to her own 40 metre line before bursting clear of the initial cover and the centre went all the way to score what was to be a fine match-winning try.

For Phoenix, Jade Thomas was chosen as best forward with Liv Evans the best back choice.

The Phoenix camp will reflect on a performance where sheer dogged determination brought them through and, on this occasion, the plaudits have to go to a depleted Phoenix pack who were without several of their bigger pack members on the day.

This must have made this victory all the more satisfying for the Phoenix coaching team; the final score 17-14.

TR

Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

THE young players of Bridgend Sports RFC were raring to take the field this week, after many lost out on some game time last week due to the impact of the wet weather.

The under-7s played Tondu in two competitive games on the 4G pitch at Parc Derwen. Tondu had 22 players, so split into two sides.

Both games were played at a fast pace with the Sports experiencing their toughest test of the season to date.

In the first game, Tondu kept a solid defence line and countered with some great tries. They showed fantastic team work for Tondu to win the first game.

The Sports were more direct and worked harder as a team in attack in the second game. They also kept a sturdy defence with some great tagging to secure a deserved win.

There were some great performances with five tries for Dion Williams and 10 tags for Cian Elward.

The man of the match went to Eli McCausland for his direct running and being a great team player.

FOR the under-8s, it was a case of learning that something constructive comes from every defeat.

The team hosted two great sides in the form of Valley Ravens and Tondu.

The Sports did not win their games, but there were many positives as the side put in a sound defensive performance. Players had fun and passed the ball at every opportunity.

Ollie Balmer was top try scorer with four fabulous tries. Top tagger was Archie Hall with 22 tags.

The match results were: Bridgend Sports Blue 1, Valley Ravens 9; Bridgend Sports Blue 6, Valley Ravens 8; Bridgend Sports Blue 5, Tondu 6; Bridgend Sports Red 0, Valley Ravens 7; Bridgend Sports Red 4, Tondu 6; Bridgend Sports Red 1, Tondu 3.

Sports try scorers were Ollie Balmer (4), Archie Hall (3), Rhydian Cronin (3), Gethin Roberts (2), Aled Rees, Mikey Heanue, Tomos Richards and Alex Bright.

THE under-9s hosted both Tondu and Llanharan, again at Parc Derwen.

Tondu were first up and they produced some well-drilled passing including switch passes that kept the ball in play and saw them stretch the Sports defence.

Nevertheless, the Sports chose a more direct approach using their larger ball carriers to draw in the Tondu defence before getting the ball wider and into the gaps for the try line.

Brave tackling saw the Sports make several substitutions, but they battled on and marginally lost out on the draw as Tondu just edged the game 10-15.

The Sports decided to remain on the field to play Llanharan next.

Having warmed themselves up against Tondu they quickly got the advantage over Llanharan with no less than seven tries to the visitors' three.

From the set piece, the Sports were quickly into their opponent's half and were able to capitalise with points before turning possession over at the sixth tackle.

Llanharan made some good runs and offloads of their own providing them with well-deserved tries, but the Sports made up for their narrow defeat in the first game with a 35-15 win in the second.

Marley James was this week's star player – he scored his first try for the Sports, breaking a few tackles in the process.

Not satisfied with some strong running, he went on to put in tackles that prevented the opposition from offloading ball.

THE under-11s hosted Nantyffyllon at Newbridge Fields.

The team enjoyed their run out and made up for lost time as they faced a strong Nantyffyllon team.

The Sports scored some lovely tries through some good team work. Nantyffyllon never gave in, which made it such a good game.

The Sports emerged as winners with a 45-35 final score in their favour.

Star player was hard to pick, but Gabriel Burroughs was that one step ahead with his tackling, breaks into space and support play.

THE under-12s were again on fine form as they defeated a Neath Barbarians team 5-40.

The game was played over four 20-minute quarters, which provided an opportunity for players to play in different positions and also gave an opportunity for the coaches to see which areas needed work.

The Sports scored six tries and were once again excellent in defence.

SP

News from the Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior section

THE under-7s travelled to Bargoed and fielded two teams, the green and golds.

Some excellent tries were on display with the Ath scoring every time they had possession. Top taggers were Zavier Gardener and Charlie Tune but generally a good performance by all the squad: Rohan Davies, Ollie Dowson, Ollie Davies, Matthew Hallez, William Smart, Jacob Martin, Matthew Wilcox, George Cowan, George Evans, Isaac Rees, Jesse Sargent, Adam Landells, Osian Phillips and Callum Brown.

THE under-8s were back on the road again with a trip deep into the Rhymney Valley to play Bargoed on their home turf.

The match was played on the artificial pitch at the Heolddu Comprehensive School which, because of its hillside location, felt the full force of the driving winds heading across the valley.

Despite the difficult playing conditions, both sides put on an entertaining display of fast, keenly contested rugby. The well-drilled Bargoed team was built around a couple of speedsters who were the main offensive threat and scored a brace of early tries.

The Ath boys quickly picked up on that and organised their defence accordingly, making sure those individuals were given very little space or time to attack.

Due to the visitors' stronger numbers, one extended match was played with the Ath completely swapping their side at half-time.

With an impressive performance from the whole squad, the Ath managed to grind out a 10 tries to nine win, clocking up 66 tags along the way.

THE under-9s travelled to Bargoed for a round robin including Llantwit Fardre.

Lineout action from the under-15s' game.

Bridgend Athletic drew the first game against Bargoed 20-20. Try scorers were William Waite (2), Dylan Jones and Max Edwards. Athletic won the second game against Llantwit Fardre 25-10; try scorers were Ashton Davies (2), Ethan Davies, William Waite and Oliver Turvey with great defensive displays shown by Ethan Davies, Dylan Jones, Ashton Davies, Osian Kenny.

This week, the under-9s host Llantwit Major at Newbridge Fields.

THE under-10s travelled to Bargoed on a sunny, but cold and blustery, morning.

The Ath started strongly, using their big forwards to run up the middle and create space out wide. Strong rucking by the forwards set up quick ball for the backs, who spread it wide to grab the first try.

Bargoed responded straight from the kick off with a well-worked try of their own. That set the tone for the rest of the game which soon became a try fest as the Ath and Bargoed showed great attacking rugby and scored some fantastic team tries.

In the end, it was the Ath who came out on top, winning the game 50-40. Special mention to Charley Richards who was the pick of the forwards, showing strong powerful running and scoring four tries, and Jackson Multlow who was the pick of the backs, tackling everything in sight and bagging a brace of tries.

THE under-12s travelled to an away fixture in Brynamman.

The Athletic started well, with tight forwards Thomas Williams, Rhys Tucker and James Waite providing a clean platform for scrum half Lucas Kenny to provide good service to the backs.

However, Brynamman then stamped their authority on the game and their experience showed as they raced clear for a handful of tries within the first 20 minutes.

There was some heroic defending from Athletic's Joe Bruckel at times, and he showed great strength to rip the ball when a certain try was looming.

Brynamman's first half dominance meant the Athletic were out of the game as the whistle went for the interval.

The second half was a much better performance and the Athletic did well in the set piece.

Props Kian Tolantino and Dylan Singer were solid in the scrum and Harry Jones and James Waite combined for good lineout possession.

Although some sloppy tries were leaked, the Athletic didn't give up and Ioan Hammond prevented a certain score with a great rip on the try line.

Scrum half Ioan Roberts injected some pace into the game with some quick tap penalties. This provided a platform that saw the Athletic picking up a great team score through a close drive from Thomas Williams, who was pushed over by Oliver Pearson.

With ball in hand, the Ath looked strong at times and outside half Jack Thomas showed great footwork and passing ability to free up the back three of Jack Rosser, Ethan Deere And Alfie Creed.

Josh Ludlow gave his all at flanker and Harrison Harper made some trademark bursts from the back of the scrum. Morgan Rees linked well with Joe and Jack on occasions. However, the first up tackles needed more work and the game ended in a disappointing defeat to a very committed and talented Brynamman.

THE under-13s were on the road again playing against RTB Ebbw Vale.

They kicked off with a squad of only 15 players which meant two backs, Harvey Tooze and Dan Clarke, put a shift in with the forwards, and they deserve a special mention for sticking at it for the whole game.

The game kicked off and there was an early try for the home side. The RTB pressure was maintained for most of the first half, with only fantastic defence and some great turnovers saving the Ath.

However, on the 15 minute mark, the Ath scored the try of the game to take the lead from a defensive scrum within their own 22.

The Ath opted to run down the blind side with Alex T putting Leo Q away. Leo then went on a weaving run through and around would-be tacklers over the halfway line before putting the supporting Rhys H away for his first try.

This try seemed to fill the Ath with great confidence as they were soon back on the scoreboard with some great handling pulling Ebbw Vale from side to side, before the backs put Rhys H away down the wing, where he beat the last man and scored under the posts.

Both tries were converted by Charlie R, which meant a half-time lead of 5-14 to the Ath.

The second half carried on with both sides running good lines and putting each other under pressure before the Ath defence cracked leading to Ebbw Vale's second try.

The home team now kept it tight, with lots of pick and goes and Ebbw Vale finally managed to sneak over in the last minute to snatch a 15-14 victory, with no time left for the Ath to respond.

AB

Ryan reaches Open quarter-finals in Belfast

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day enjoyed a fine run to the quarter-finals of the Northern Ireland Open in Belfast.

He beat four opponents before losing to world No 5 Judd Trump in the last eight.

The 38-year-old from Pontycymer beat Michael Georgiou 4-1, Zhang Anda 4-3, Robin Hull 4-3 and Andrew Higginson 4-0, but it was Bristol's Judd who came out on top in the quarter-finals, winning 5-3.

Day is ranked 14th in the world and has won over £1.5 million in a 20-year professional career.

He has made around 340 century breaks, including a maximum 147, and won two ranking tournaments and two non-ranking.

Michael Prosser

Good win for Tondu under-15s

TONDU RFC under-15s had a hard-earned 34-24 win over Bridgend Sports under-15s.

Tondu had another good win, having most of the play and eventually overcoming the Sports in a end-to-end game.

New player Ifan Paddick scored a scintillating try from 50 metres and Oliver Lear made a try-saving tackle.

Mike Sully

Dr Dunraven's chase victory

***DR Dunraven*, who is by *Dr Massini* and who was bred at the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, Bridgend, won the handicap chase over two miles and four furlongs at Plumpton on Monday.**

Seven-year-old *Dr Dunraven*, who is trained by Peter Bowen at Little Newcastle Pembrokeshire, was ridden by Mr Bowen's son Sean Bowen, while at Hereford, Sean's younger brother James was successful on the Nicky Henderson-trained *Style De Garde*.

The Welsh point-to-point season gets underway on Sunday with the Curre & Llangibby Hunt Steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow and riders and horses from the Vale area are expected to take part over this popular course.

Brian Lee

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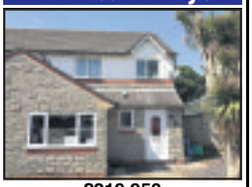

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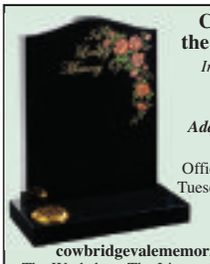

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Family Notices

REYNOLDS
Cora (*née Flower*)

Peacefully on 16th November 2018, aged 92 years. Devoted wife to the late Jeff, loving mother to Melvyn and Andrea. Mother-in-law to Gary and Karen, cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cora will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 28th November at 10am, followed by a committal service in the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only but donations can be made in memory of Cora directly to Dementia UK, 7th Floor 1 Adlagate, London, EC3N 1RE.

TAYLOR
Lilian May

Peacefully on 16th November at Springbank Nursing Home, aged 95 years. Devoted wife to the late John, loving mother to Rob and mother-in-law to Rosemary. Cherished grandmother to Francesca.

Lilian will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our chapel of rest on Tuesday, 27th November at 12 noon, followed by interment at Thornhill Cemetery, Cardiff.

Family flowers only, but donations in memory of Lilian can be made directly to Age UK, 38 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HD.

HUNT
Harry

1930- 2018

Harry passed away peacefully on 8th November at the University Hospital of Wales. He will be well known for his time working at Distillers (Dow Chemicals) and is survived by his wife Pat, children Susan, Alun and Gary. Loving grandfather to Louise, Matthew, Nicola, Abi, Robert and their families.

Harry will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry where floral tributes may also be sent. Harry's service to take place at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel, Barry on Friday, 30th November at 11am, followed by interment.

Family request black attire optional but if possible something red may be worn, as this was Harry's favourite colour.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

JOSEPH
Douglas (Doug)

Peacefully on 11th November 2018, aged 94 years, Doug a former R.A.F Drill Sergeant, WW2 War Veteran and holder of the Burma Star. Devoted husband to the late Joan, loving father to Carol, Lynne, David and Wendy. Cherished grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather to all his grandchildren.

Doug will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 30th November at 10am.

Family flowers only, donations can be made in memory of Doug to The B.H.F or the R.A.F.A Benevolent Fund at the service.

STEPHENS
Gillian (Jill)
(*née* White)

Peacefully on 16th November at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff surrounded by her loving family, Jill sadly passed away. Devoted wife to Doug, loving mum of Lisa and Craig, special mother-in-law to Stephen and Jess, and an adored nan and great nan to all her grandchildren.

Jill will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 4th December at 10am. Family flowers only. Donation, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hapus in memory of Jill.

ROBERTS
Angela Mary
(*née Griffiths*)

Passed away peacefully on the 12th November 2018, aged 74. Beloved wife to Graham, mother to Amanda and Ian, and Grandma to Litona, Danielle, Paul, Stephen and Katy-Mae.

Despite moving to Pembrokeshire 35 years ago, lots of Angela's family and friends still reside in the Barry area and will be saddened by her passing.

Donations can be made in memory of Angela in favour of the Foundation for Liver Research.'

FORD
Norman James
(Stormy Normy)

Suddenly at home on the 24th October, aged 68.

Norman will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road Barry, until a service to celebrate his life on Friday, 23rd November at 3pm at the Cardiff & Vale, Port Road, Barry.

Donations in lieu flowers may be given at the service to Help for Heroes.

BURDER
Adrian

Passed away after a short illness on 31st October. Adored husband of Jill and loving father to Felix and Oliver. Much loved son, brother, uncle and brother-in-law.

Resting at Thomas Brothers Funeral Directors. Service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 30th November at 12 noon, followed by interment at the Limes Cemetery.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Ty Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5XX.

BOWEN
Megan

Unexpectedly, but peacefully, at home in Cowbridge on Friday, 9 November 2018. Beloved wife of the late David Leslie Bowen MRCVS. Dearly loved mother of Margaret and Cheryl, and mother-in-law of Charles and James. Devoted grandma of Gareth, Hannah and Rebecca and great-grandma of Molly and Henry.

Private cremation at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 29 November, followed by a public Thanksgiving Service at Cowbridge United Free Church at 1pm. Family flowers only.

ROWLANDS
Beryl Patricia

Peacefully on 11th November at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry. Beryl, beloved wife of Tony, loving mother of Alison and partner Jason, grandma to Alfie, will be dearly missed all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 30th November, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

No flowers by request, donations if desired to Alzheimers Society c/o the funeral director.

BELL
Roy Charles

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on Thursday, 15th November after a short illness. Dearly loved husband of Joyce, loving father of Linda and Michael and father-in-law to John. Much loved grandfather and great grandfather.

Roy will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 3rd December, service and cremation 10am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only.

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HARRY
John Edward

The family are sad to announce the sudden passing of John on the 5th November 2018.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A.Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major, until the service at St Athan Church, St Athan on Thursday, 29th November at 11am and afterwards at St Athan Church Cemetery.

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on 24 November
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Jennifer Thomas
Happy 50th Birthday Jen
on 24th November
You're simply the best!
Enjoy your party and holiday.
Lots of love, Dina xxx

Missing

MISSING

Our little cat 'Dolly' has gone missing in Aberthin.

She usually stays close to home in the fields and surrounding gardens to the rear of our home at Llanfair Meadows, Court Close.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 43 LLANTWIT MAJOR)
PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER 2018

The above Order was made on 23 October 2018. The effect of the Order will be to stop up the public footpath running from the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298583 168603 to the adopted highway (Eglwys Brewis Road) NGR 298590 168665 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than the 20 December 2018. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 22 November, 2018

HYSBYSIAD GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF 1990
ADRAN 257 A PHARAGRAFF 1 ATODLEN 14
GORCHYMYN CAU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 43 LLANILLTUD FAWR)
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2018

Gwnaed y Gorchymyn ar 23 Hydref, 2018. Effaith y Gorchymyn fydd cau'r llwybr cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o'r briffordd fabwysiedig (B4265) NGR 298583 168603 i'r briffordd fabwysiedig (Eglwys Brewis Road) NGR 298590 168665 fel y dangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

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Os na ddaw unrhyw sylwadau na gwrthwynebiadau i law, neu os cânt eu tynnu'n ôl, caiff Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn fel un nas gwrthwynebir.
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Dyddiad: 22 Tachwedd, 2018

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 46 ST ANDREWS MAJOR)
PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2018

The above Order, made on the 25 October, 2018, under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, will create a public footpath at Ardwyn Walk, Dinas Powys (NGR 315475 171666) to NGR 315565 171924 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Order map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than the 20 December, 2018. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

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Dated this 22 November, 2018

HYSBYSIAD GWNEUD GORCHYMYN DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 46 ST ANDREWS MAJOR)
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2018

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, a wnaed ar 25 Hydref, 2018, dan Adran 26 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980, yn creu llwybr cerdded cyhoeddus yn Ardwyn Walk, Dinas Powys (NGR 315475 171666) i NGR 315565 171924 fel y dangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

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Dyddiad: 22 Tachwedd, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990,
SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 43 LLANTWIT MAJOR)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2018

The above Order was made on 23 October, 2018. The effect of the Order will be to divert the public footpath running from the adopted highway (Boverton Road) (NGR 298576 168445) to the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298577 168556 and create an alternative footpath on a line running from the adopted highway (Boverton Road) NGR 298576 168444 to the adopted highway (B4265) NGR 298605 168534 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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Dated this 22 November, 2018

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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2018

Gwnaed y Gorchymyn ar 23 Hydref, 2018. Effaith y Gorchymyn fydd dargyfeirio'r llwybr cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o'r briffordd fabwysiedig (Boverton Road) (NGR 298576 168445) i'r briffordd fabwysiedig (B4265) (NGR 298577 168556 a chreu llwybr cyhoeddus amgen ar linell sy'n rhedeg o'r briffordd fabwysiedig (Boverton Road) NGR 298576 168444 i'r briffordd fabwysiedig (B4265) NGR 298605 168534 fel a ddangosir ar y map Gorchymyn.

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Dyddiad: 22 Tachwedd, 2018

Disappointing defeat for Llantwit Major reserves

LLANTWIT Major AFC reserves faced their furthest away trip to Garden Village in Swansea on Saturday.

Eight changes were made from the previous week with Jordan Davies and Stuart Lindsay having their first starts of the season, with captain Cutter joining the squad.

The match started with Llantwit on top creating chances down both flanks, as both Josh Morgan and Morgan Gore pushed the home side on the back foot.

The first real chance for Llantwit came within 10 minutes as Joe Cutter threaded a lofted ball through to Gore, who got behind the defence only to slice it wide past the keeper.

The opening quarter saw Llantwit squander chances as Josh, Lindsay and James Vickers all came close to scoring but Garden Village had their moments with Llantwit's goalkeeper Scott McMillan and the back four standing strong.

However, two corners within five minutes resulted in goals for the home team and, 2-0 down at half-time, changes were made as Max Morgan and James Hartley entered the field.

The team were allowed to go a bit more direct and their midfield three of Davies, Gingel and Vickers worked extremely hard, going box to box.

This, with the energy of wingers Ryan Malton and Lindsay, kept Llantwit in with a shout of a comeback but more chances were missed, Llantwit only having themselves to blame.

The game ended 2-0 to Garden Village with the disappointment evident on the Llantwit players' faces, but they battled and pushed right to the end.

Assistant manager on the day Jack Grahame mentioned how hard the lads worked and on another day they could have scored four or five goals.

The team now play Briton Ferry on Saturday, 2pm kick-off.

JT

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

DIVISION One took the spotlight with only one game in the Premier Division due to SWFA Cup involvement and only two games in Division Two.

Holton Road continued to steamroll through the division as they rack up win after win, this week saw a repeat fixture from the previous weekend against Tynewydd, only this time it was a much tighter affair than the six goal difference previously with the league leaders edging out competitive Tynny 2-1.

Cardiff Airport dropper a place to third as they were beaten 3-2 at home by Cadoxton Barry, while Cadoxton Imps climbed to second with a 2-0 victory over Cogan, an unbeaten league run that stretches back nearly two months.

Meanwhile Cwm Talwg made it two wins on the spin as they routed SP Billy 5-0 to leave the Billy marooned at the foot of the table.

Holton Road currently sit 16 points clear at the top of Division One but only four points separate second and sixth.

In the Premier Division, Cowbridge Town secured their fourth league win in a row as they piled the misery on St Athan with a 4-1 victory - that's five league defeats on the bounce for last year's runners-up St Athan.

In Division Two, league leaders St Athan B remain top of the league despite a 3-1 loss to Penarth Town B. The result brings an end to St Athan B's six game winning streak, with Penarth B now going four league games unbeaten.

In the SWFA Cup Rhoose advanced with a 1-0 win over Pantyscallog Village and Island Marine bowed out after a thrilling 5-4 defeat to Pentywn.

Barry Athletic's trip to Penrhiwfer was abandoned after 10 minutes due to a Penrhiwfer injury.

This week sees only a handful of games being played, with Cadoxton Imps hosting the juggernaut of Holton Road the stand-out game of the day.

HD

Cowbridge RFC youth are in action Saturday

IT'S another weekend without a game for Cowbridge first XV as the scheduled game against Pentyrch has been postponed.

However, there is still plenty of rugby to watch at the club.

The youth take on Abercynon and after last week's breathtaking 18-17 victory over Rumney, come down and support the boys for what should be another exciting game.

Then it's into the club for England v Australia at 3pm followed by Wales looking for the clean sweep against South Africa at 5.20pm.

It's back to league action for the firsts on December 1 at home against Clwb Rygbi Cymru Caerdydd.

The following week's fixture against Tylorstown has been postponed as they play in the fourth round of the Bowl so then it's Gwernyfed at home on December 15.

There is no game scheduled at the moment for the December 22, and the final game of the year is on December 29 at Pontyclun.

RV/RK

Brynhill seniors hold annual presentation

THE Brynhill Golf Club seniors recently held their annual presentation lunch at their clubhouse.

After a excellent lunch, provided by Mark, our caterer, the cups and trophies were handed out to the following members:

Marcus Watt Trophy - Steve Gould; Tom Durban Cup - Brad Dodd; Tony Pateman Cup - Glyn Williams; Seniors Championship - Peter Stafford; Seniors Pairs Champions - Ricky Bowman & Ralph Thomas; Captains Day - Brad Dodd; Millennium Cup - Tony Thomas; Denis Haydon Trophy - Colin Braddon; Player of the year - Rob Garn.

KD

Jack lands his first winner

MERTHYR Mawr's Jack Tudor, 17, chalked-up his first winner under Rules when landing the MF Sporting Ltd-Fitzroy's 60th Amateur Riders Novices Handicap Hurdle at Fakenham on Tuesday.

Riding *Uno Mas*, at four-years-old the youngest horse in the five runner field, Jack came home four lengths ahead of *Highway Star* to give Vale trainer Christian Williams a welcome winner.

Jack, a former leading pony racing rider, will be in action at the Curre & Llangibby Point-To-Point at Howick near Chepstow on Sunday (November 25 2018).

The Weatherbys VAT Services Handicap Chase resulted in another Welsh win when the Peter Bowen-trained *OnTopOfTheWorld*, partnered by Bowen's son Sean, won by a length from Darebin to make the 301 miles from Pembrokeshire all worthwhile.

Brian Lee

Duos in action at Brynhill

DESPITE the unseasonably pleasant weather, Brynhill Golf Club held this year's second Winter competition on Sunday.

Peter Stafford and his partner Gareth Tinnuchie scored best, with a fine 42 points, a great achievement.

Second was the ever-popular Neil Bennet and Steve Collins partnership, whose 5 under 41 was enough to relegate the Jimmy Griffiths/Mark Weaver duo into third.

This Saturday sees a Brynhill select take on a team from Knowle GC Bristol in an international close-season challenge match.

Alan Sweeney

Barry West End celebrate another enjoyable season with presentation evening

BREAKING with tradition, Barry West End held their 34th presentation night on Saturday, November 17 at Cariad Café, just a long throw away from where they play their cricket at Barry Athletic Cricket Club.

It was a memorable evening for a group who play friendly cricket and socialise together, some might say they are more than just a pub team.

One thing is for sure, they are known throughout south Wales and further afield for playing cricket in the right spirit and have a host of characters who don their whites and showcase their 'talents'.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Mark Ewington, a West End stalwart. 'Ralph', as he is known to his teammates, was also a member of the planning party who arranged the tour to Plymouth this year, which was a resounding success, despite not winning a single game on the field!

After enjoying the food provided by the Cariad Café staff and enjoying one or two drinks, it was down to business and the season awards.

There were a couple of notable milestones for two players – Jason Thomas, who passed 250 matches played during the season, and Tommy Miller, who has now taken over 750 wickets for the club with his swing bowling.

The batsman of the year award went to a familiar name, Mark Williams, who scored 621 runs for the season at an average of 38.81.

Included was a century and three half-centuries from the ever-reliable right-hand opener.

Bowler of the year award went to Dafydd Frost, a young player who has added consistency with his pace and is dependable to call upon, whether opening the bowling or coming on first or second change. This was evident in a game against Dinas Powys where he took 5-13.

A special award was presented to Neil Holmes, who has been around for the majority of the 34 years the West End have been in existence.

Harry is renowned for his eccentricity along with his slow bowling and puts his agility and fitness down to a quick daily dip in the local sea.

Harry was awarded with a canvas photo of himself in his cricket whites and a trophy for 992 appearances for the club.

This was presented to Harry by his friend, club gardener and Rhys Howells.

Hopefully, we will see Harry in his 1,000th appearance next season in what will be a memorable day.

The final award of the night is the most prestigious, as it is voted by members of the club.

In what was a landslide victory, Neil Holmes won the players' player of the year and was presented the award by Dickie Eastman, who gave a very amusing impromptu speech to recognise Harry's achievements and best moments.

In what was a fitting finale to the evening, club chairman Glan Williams gave a rousing speech to thank the many people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make all the magic happen.

From the tea ladies, to the groundsman, to the scorers, to the taxi drivers, to the captains, to the West End club staff and all the players who make Barry West End what it is.

Barry West End cricket club typifies a bunch of merry men who come together, play cricket in the right spirit, socialise after games with the opposition and, above all have a huge amount of fun in the process – indeed, we're more than just a pub team.

Here's looking forward to the club's 35th season and doing it all again next year!

ME

ABOVE LEFT: Rhys Hatton, captain Sunday XI (left), Glan Williams, chairman (centre), Ben Collins captain midweek XI (right), and ABOVE RIGHT: Dafydd Frost with his bowler of the year award.

Three games for Barry chess teams

THIS week, there were three matches held in Barry in different divisions of the East Glamorgan Chess League.

In Division 1, the Bosons played bottom club Bridgend A. If we have any hope of avoiding relegation, this was a must-win.

Fortunately, we did win by the narrowest of margins with Steve Cunliffe and Dave Parsons getting wins and Matthew Davies and Ken Hannah chipping in with draws.

A 3-2 victory was recorded, giving the Bosons their second victory of the season. To avoid relegation we need a minimum of six wins, so at least a further four are required.

Our next match is against the Pontypridd Phoenix who are one place and 0.5 points below us. If ever there is a must-win game, this is it.

In Division 3, the Quarks played host to the Cardiff Dragons. I have not yet seen the full result, but have been reliably informed that we lost by 4-1.

This win will move the Dragons up to third. The Quarks remain in ninth place with only one victory to date against the Bridgend C team, who are the only team below us. However, with only one team to be relegated this season, all is not lost.

A 4-1 defeat seems a poor result, but as Bridgend only earned a 0.5 points from their match this week, it is not as bad as it could have been.

In Division 4, our top performing team, the Gambits, were in action against the Rhondda B team.

Victories for Tom Cooke, Martin Ricketts together with a default win and a draw on board 1 where we managed to turn a winning position into a draw, gave us victory by a margin of 3.5-1.5.

The league table has the unbeaten Gambits comfortably at the top of the table with a 3.5 point advantage over the Barry Stauntons. We cannot dismiss the challenge of the Pontypridd Goshawks, who have a game in hand or the other unbeaten team, Pentyrch C, who have two games in hand.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess, or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to turn up on the night, but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones

Llantwit Major and District Darts League

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season completed its ninth week, with recent highlights being as follows.

Julie Cheal 180 and 97 out, Nigel George 180, Pauline David 103 out, Sue Lewis 88 out, Nigel George 18-dart leg.

The 'C' League has completed the first third of the season now with the leaders Rugby Club 'C' five points ahead of Lamb & Flag 'C' two, despite losing to them 4-7 in the last round of fixtures.

Third placed Shoes St Athan 'C2' beat their fifth placed 'C1' side 6-5 with the fourth-placed Boverton Castle winning 7-4 at the Lamb & Flag 'C1'.

In the 'A' League the King's Head 'A1' lead the way on 76 points after a fine win against their 'C2' side.

Second placed Rugby Club 'A1' won 7-4 at the Sportsman's Rest, third placed Golden Cups 'A2' won 9-2 at the Shoes, St Athan 'A2'.

Eddie Meredith 'C' League team competition semi-finalists: Shoes, St Athan 'C2', King's Head 'C2', Lamb & Flag 'C2' and Boverton Castle.

Sir Cennydd 'A' League team competition quarter-finalists: King's Head 'A2', King's Head 'A1', Rugby Club 'A2', Golden Cups 'A1', Wenvoe Arms, Shoes St Athan 'A1', Sportsman's Rest and Rugby Club 'A1'.

'C' League Table: Rugby Club 74, Lamb and Flag 'C2' 69, Shoes St Athan 'C2' 64, Boverton Castle 58, Shoes St Athan 'C1' 55, Lamb and Flag 'C1' 52, King's Head 'C2' 48, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 29, King's Head 'C1' 29, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 17.

'A' League Table: King's Head 'A1' 76, Rugby Club 'A1' 64, Golden Cups 'A2' 62, Wenvoe Arms 57, Golden Cups 'A1' 48, Rugby Club 'A2' 48, Shoes St Athan 'A2' 43, Shoes St Athan 'A1' 39, Sportsman's Rest 39, Lamb & Flag 38, King's Head 'A2' 37, Rugby Club 'A3' 22, Tudor Tavern 21.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social 11, Liberals 4; West End Runaways 6, Wyndham Cons 9; West End 7, Cadoxton Cons 8.

League table: Rhoose Social 72, Wyndham Cons 71, West End 68, Cadoxton Cons 65, West End Runaways 63, Liberals 58, Moors Boys 53.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 4, Barry Town FC 3; Liberals A 7, Barries Boys 0; Rhoose Social B 2, Sea View Exiles 5; Allsorts 4.5, Rhoosters 2.5; Cambrian Flyers 0.5, Liberals C 6.5; Rhoose Social A 6, Rhoose Social C 1; West End C 6, Rugby Club 1.

League table: West End C 43.0, Barry Town FC 41.0, Sea View Exiles 38.5, Rhoose Social A 37.0, King William XII 36.0, Allsorts 32.5, Rugby Club 32.5, West End D 32.0, Rhoosters 30.5, Rhoose Social C 29.5, Liberals A 29.0, Liberals C 29.0, Slammers 28.5, Rhoose Social B 23.0, Barries Boys 15.5, Cambrian Flyers 12.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Penarth Cons A 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Harbour B 2, Savoy A 3; Market Street B 2, West End C 3; Cadoxton Cons B 2, Cadoxton Wildcats 3.

League table: West End C 34, Harbour B 28, Savoy A 28, Cadoxton Cons B 24, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Wyndham Cons A 23, Cadoxton Wildcats 18, Penarth Cons A 18, Rhoose Social B 14, *Liberators 11, Market Street B 10.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Rhoose Social C 5, West End B 0; West End A 3, Harbour A 2; Sully Sports A 1, Market Street C 4; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Wyndham Cons D 3; Services Social B 3, Penarth Cons B 2.

League table: Penarth Cons B 29, Savoy B 27, Services Social B 27, Cadoxton Cons A 26, Rhoose Social C 26, Wyndham Cons D 24, Harbour A 23, Market Street C 23, West End A 21, Sully Sports A 14, West End B 10 (* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Barry and District Mens Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

British Rail 267 (K Brown, L Bennett, B Smith 27), Posties 275 (M Gallimore 28); Willie Wombles 305 (D Richardson 32), Billy Whizz 304 (N Tipples 32); Sea View 335 (R Thomas, A Elston 33), Merrymen 339 (A Buckland 35); Cannon Balls 270 (I Forsyth, L Newland 27), 49ers 288 (R Nicholls 31).

League table: 49ers 18, Geest 10, Posties 10, Billy Whizz 9, Willie Wombles 9, Blue Monkey 8, KP Rejects 8, Bunker Boys 7, British Rail 6, Cannon Balls 6, Merrymen 6, Sea View 5.

DIVISION 2:

BP Breakaways 235 (J Gee, Jake Rees 23), Park Lads 254 (D Summerell 30); Ex-Servicemen 238 (D Kuhnell 26), Tynny Lads 264 (S Sluman, R Hillard 26); Hairy Lemons 271 (S Gully 28), Cavaliers 279 (P Douglas 30); Colcot Boys 304 (K Thomas 31), Barry Park B 283 (G Goldsby 28); Witchill Poachers 5 (Rob Connell 37), Exiles 0 (C Hammett 37).

League table: Park Lads 14, Mighty Dockers 14, Hairy Lemons 12, Cavaliers 10, Barry Park B 10, Ex-Servicemen 8, H Bells 8, Colcot Boys 7, Exiles 7, Tynny Lads 6, BP Breakaways 6, Witchill Poachers 4.

DIVISION 3:

Cocoa Nuts 271 (G Young 30), Master Mariner 259 (T Harris, N Morris 27); Castle Boys 245 (J Adams 29), Witchill Nomads 262 (Dan Burrows 29); Alternatives 305 (A Rosser 30), Park Rangers 296 (C Cameron 33); Billy Bluebirds 270 (G Norris, S Marshall, A Curtis 26), Glenbrook Flyers 271 (A Davies 33); Abercrete 269 (R Meakins, J Arnold, D Selby 26), C.U.D. 272 (C Perkins 32).

League table: Park Rangers 14, Witchill Nomads 13, Billy Bluebirds 10, Royalists 9, Abercrete 8, C.U.D. 8, Castle Boys 8, Cocoa Nuts 8, Glenbrook Flyers 6, Alternatives 4, Master Mariner 0.

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Rainy day for seniors

FOLLOWING a weekend of persistent rain, St Mary's Golf Club's senior section turned out for a team Yellow Ball Stableford competition, with the field of 28 assigned to teams of either three or four players.

The players in each team alternated as as the nominated Yellow Ball at each hole, and the Yellow Ball score and the better or best of the other two or three were recorded.

The very wet conditions and threat of more rain sensibly dictated that the event be played over a reduced course of just 12 holes and at the end of the day, the three-ball of Selwyn Williams, Gareth Jones and Phil Williams took second place with an accumulated score of 57 points.

With a fine return of 62 points, however, the win was secured by the four-ball grouping of Roger Hatton, Trefor Jones, Gordon Martin and Phil Banks.

The section's second competition of the week was played over the full course in much drier conditions and also took the form of a team Stableford.

Roger Hatton continued his winning form, supported on this occasion by Brian Peacock, Trevor Evans and Eddie Fothergill.

NL

Talia's karate success

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupil Talia Efstathiou competed in the 10th WUKF European Championships For All Ages last month.

Talia travelled to Malta as part of the Welsh team, and went on to win a gold medal for females within her age group.

As part of the competition, Talia had to compete in several rounds showing her different moves and agility. Currently, she is working towards her black belt in the sport.

Talia said: "I thoroughly enjoyed representing Wales in this huge competition. My lasting memory will be standing on the podium receiving the gold medal, wrapped in my Welsh flag! One day, I would like to compete in the Olympic Games."

Miss Becca Pugh, headteacher, added: "We are ever so proud of Talia. She trains hard every week and is a determined young girl. Talia also contributes so much to the school environment, including being a committed member of our School Council. She deserves every success."

Talia, a year 6 pupil, enjoys many other sports and extra-curricular activities at YGBM including singing, dancing and acting.

Next year, she will be competing in the World Championship and YGBM wish her the very best – Pob lwc i'r dyfodol!

HL

ABOVE: Talia Efstathiou with her gold medal.

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

***CAP St Vincent*, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan was an eight lengths winner of the Jelf Insurance Brokers Novices Handicap Chase at Ludlow last Thursday, November 15.**

One of only two five-year-olds in the nine-runner field, *Cap St Vincent*, a 9-2 chance, was partnered by the stable's Alan Johns who hails from west Wales.

Two other riders from west Wales who rode winners at the meeting were Sean Bowen, who took the RacingUK.Com/FreeTrial Handicap Chases over three miles and two furlongs on Dai Rees' *Gardeners Hill* and Ben Jones, 16, son of former leading point-to-point rider Dai Jones, who was successful on the Philip Hobbs-trained *Midnight Glory* in the Amateur Jockeys' Association Amateur Riders' Handicap.

Twenty-four hours later at Newcastle, Johns, riding Vaughan's six-year-old *Kovera* in the Angels Trust Handicap Hurdle, got home by just a head from *Court Baloo*.

In the previous race, the Logico Chase Novice Limited Handicap, Vaughan's six-year-old *Chosen*, again partnered by Alan Johns and a winner of its previous race, was made an odds-on favourite and was leading the only other two runners at the fifth when unseating his rider.

TIM'S TIGHT CALL

***Tight Call*, trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, travelled to Wetherby last Saturday in the hope of landing a three-timer when running in the Biggest Ever Jumps Season On Racing UK Introductory Hurdle.**

Unfortunately the promising four-year-old pecked two hurdles from home and, although leading approaching the last obstacle, finished half-a-length down at the winning post with the verdict going to the 11-10 favourite *Kajaki*, ridden by Henry Brooke.

SILVER STREAK'S NECK DEFEAT

Evan Williams' Welsh Champion Hurdle winner *Silver Streak* failed by just a neck to catch the bottom-weighted *Nietzsche* in the Unibet Greatwood Handicap Hurdle worth more than £56,000 to the winner at Cheltenham on Sunday.

Ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, five-year-old *Silver Streak*, a 12-1 chance in a field of 20 runners, looked as though he would catch the 20-1 chance on the run to the winning post but the task of giving 1st 5lb to the winner was just too much.

Williams said: "I did think he was going to get there. The horse has ran a great race. I don't think we are worried about the ground, but the handicapper will probably step us up in the handicap races.

"We will probably dip our toe into a conditions race somewhere. The race I wanted to win was the Welsh Champion Hurdle, which he won. We were beaten fair and square here."

Welsh rider Lorcan Williams, riding the top-weighted *Old Guard*, took third place and another Welsh rider, Pembrokeshire's James Bowen, took the closing Open National Hunt Flat race on the Colin Tizzard-trained *Master Debonair*.

**I would be pleased to hear from anyone who can provide me with information on a National Hunt jockey from the Vale who rode in the 1970s called Michael Stanley.*

Brian Lee

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

A second Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs was played on November 14: First, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. The winners on handicap were Liam Sheridan and John Beard.

On November 15: First, Barry Collins and John Henson; equal second, Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett and Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins, and Paul Lyne and Clive Edwards. The winners on handicap were Barry Collins and John Henson.

On November 16: First, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; second, Norma and David Newman; third, Emer Disley and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall at 7pm.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

On Thursday at 1pm, there is a session on slightly advanced techniques of bidding and play.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton Church Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and it's not too late to join the course.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

GJ

Barrivale Bridge Club

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on November 13 are as follows:

Session one of the Barrivale Championship teams event: Mike Best and Mark Roderick, Mick Green and Noelle Bond; Jane Brook and Denis Mottram, Huw and Celia Thomas; Peter Millar and Jenny Vaughan, Mike Close and Tim Barsby.

New members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Inexperienced players or those who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions on Fridays at 10am at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play or on Thursdays, assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF634AP.

LH

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Cigar Ladies 277 (L Webb & G. Drew 28), Family & Friends 260 (J Crompton 28); Bakers Dozen 277 (K James 27), Fallen Angels 244 (M Connibear 28); Allsorts 248 (C Brewer 28), Family Affair 248 (S Evans, S Wilson, A Price & J Davies 23); Special Angels 231 (L Meryrick 24), Cadoxton Con Fillies 250 (A Bestie, L Old & C Harris 24).

Division 2:

Bobby's Girls 232 (S Snelling 27), Bandits 211 (K Lloyd 26); Breakaways 260 (B Thirston & J Watkins 25), Red Admiral 241 (G Williams & M Gee 25); Persuaders 217 (G Hughes & A Organ 25), Roller Coasters 206 (S Jones 25); Colcot Ladies 241 (H Edwards 27), Witchill Weebies 224 (J Jenkins 25); Rugby Triers 248 (N Williams 27), Airways Angels 234 (E Jones 27); Rhoose Starlights 240 (G Drake 26), Clickies 254 (K Watts 26).

Division 3:

Dolly Mixtures 221 (L Marsh 27), Witchill Widows 227 (L Sullivan & N Barnfield 25); Sea View Ladies 202 (S Humphries 25), Hillbillies 228 (J Wood & F Jellings 24); Little Devils 219 (L Kenny 33), Witches 227 (P Knapman 26); Ectetra 241 (L Miles & C Stillman 27), Merry Makers 225 (M Payne & R Collins 25).

Division 4:

Optimists 229 (E Playle & H Ball 27), Little Misfits 235 (K Orchard 24); Livin' on a Spare 302 (S Clarke 32), Bimbos 315 (S Lloyd & M Winder 33); Rebels 222 (R Sutton 26), Odd Bods 233 (T Ceriani 25).

HB

Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results for October 31.

First Diana Kendrick and Marjorie Morgan, second Margaret Bancroft and Barbara Easterbrook.

November 7: first Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones, second Mearl Owen and Margaret Williams.

November 14: first John Raymond and Alan Lewi, second Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones.

Visitors always welcome, ring Mearl Owen for a partner on 01447 773472.

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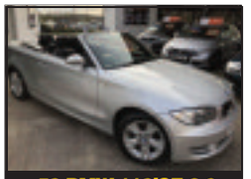

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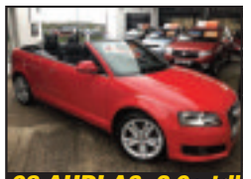

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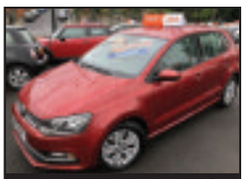

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Champions inflict first defeat at home in 10 months on Barry Town United

ABOVE LEFT: Jonathan Hood in action against TNS on Saturday, and ABOVE RIGHT: Gavin Chesterfield received a presentation from Osian Roberts and Christian Doidge on his 400th game in charge of the club.

BARRY Town United's 10-month unbeaten run at Jenner Park ended on Saturday afternoon at the hands of JD Welsh Premier League champions The New Saints.

Watched by a crowd of 763, two TNS strikes in the space of three second half minutes were enough to send the Saints top of the table on goal difference, though the race for first place continues at pace, with TNS, Connah's Quay and Barry all now on 29 points.

It was a day that started in celebration, as Wales' Osian Roberts joined former Town striker Christian Doidge (now of Bolton Wanderers) in making a presentation to Gavin Chesterfield, who was marking his 400th match in the Jenner Park manager's hotseat.

As this one played out, it was counterpart Scott Ruscoe who would head back to Oswestry with the spoils, yet the popular Barry boss might well have been toasting a point at the final whistle were it not for a pair of refereeing decisions that would ultimately be costly.

Though Saturday's match would not rank high in Chesterfield's 400 for entertainment value, few if any opposing teams in that number have posed a tougher test than TNS.

In a disjointed and sometimes scrappy first half, it was they who created the chances, with Kurtis Byrne's header forcing a point-blank save from Barry's Mike Lewis, before Aeron Edwards scuffed his right-footed effort, allowing the Town goalkeeper to gather.

While Saints ace Adrian Ciezlewicz would later try his luck from distance, the polished Polish forward's teasing curler could only connect with the pole behind the Barry goal, bouncing back onto the field in vain, as the hosts survived another scare unscathed.

In all, it was a frustrating half for Barry, who saw their fully-professional visitors eat up much of the possession, limiting the Town to precious few moments of quality in play.

Nevertheless, Chesterfield will have been content with the half-time stalemate, an impasse that, had it remained, would have sent Barry top of the JD Welsh Premier.

Knowing the significance of victory, the second half saw Saints attempt to stretch the Barry XI, orchestrating a break into the penalty area, only for Byrne to hit the side netting after Macauley Southam-Hales hurried back to effectively close him down.

It was Southam-Hales who later enjoyed Barry's best chance, drifting forward as part of a well-worked team attack involving Robbie Patten, Jordan Cotterill and latterly Touray, who set up Southam-Hales for a tight strike well saved by Saints skipper Paul Harrison.

Unfortunately, Touray's match would end in disappointment and, after having already received a soft booking in the dying moments of the first half, his 75th-minute pull on the Saints' Simon Spender was deemed enough to warrant a second, a red and a penalty.

Stepping up to take on the spot-kick would be prolific goalscorer Greg Draper, the Kiwi international having barely been on the field for five minutes after replacing Kane Lewis.

Hitting his shot straight and central, some supporters thought Barry goalkeeper Mike Lewis had done enough to save it, having connected with a trailing hand while diving.

However, Draper's drive proved powerful enough to destroy the deadlock in favour of the champions, putting 10-man Barry a goal behind with less than 15 minutes to play.

Upbeat, upfield and back at the top of the Welsh Premier tree, Saints then made it two only three minutes later, capitalising on tired Town legs to put the game beyond them.

Ciezlewicz would be the instigator, whipping in a dangerous corner for newcomer Joash Nembhard to head home, the 20-year old scoring his first top flight goal in the process.

Thought Byrne and Draper might well have made it more, the result would be a 2-0 TNS away victory, stretching their own winning run at Jenner Park to four consecutive visits.

For Barry, the taste of defeat on home turf was one they had avoided since January, a remarkable streak they will hope to replicate as the push for prizes continues shortly.

With the semi-finals of the Nathaniel MG Cup taking centre stage at the weekend, Barry's next JD Welsh Premier League action is at Jenner Park on Saturday, December 2 as Newtown provide the opposition in an evening kick-off, live on S4C.

The following Saturday, Penybont pay a visit in the JD Welsh Cup and, with home matches against both Caernarfon Town and Cardiff Met to follow across December, manager Chesterfield will be eager to make Jenner Park into a fortress once again.

AC

Disappointment as Llantwit Major slip to loss against Afan Lido

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC welcomed Afan Lido to Windmill Lane, who were lying in third position in Welsh League Division 1 and were hoping to carry on from their fine win away to Port Talbot Town the previous Saturday.

On a sunny but very windy day, Llantwit, playing against the wind in the first half, could not adapt to the playing conditions and it was their opponents who were dominant in the opening exchanges, with Afan creating numerous chances and one shot hitting the Llantwit Major crossbar in the first few minutes of the game.

Llantwit could not just put their game together in the final third of the field and the first half was a very drab affair and remained scoreless at half-time.

The second half began with a bang with Llantwit taking the lead within 30 seconds of the restart, when a fine run down the touchline by right back Jamie Miller saw him pass the ball into the goal area, which was then helped on to striker Ben Cripps who, with his left foot, volleyed home to score from around 15 yards out.

You would have thought that this goal immediately after the restart would have spurred Llantwit on, but it was Afan Lido who responded and 20 minutes later they equalised when some confusion in the goal area between goalkeeper Jack Lansdown and defender Darren Robinson resulted in the Afan Lido striker being fouled and a soft penalty being awarded, which was converted by their centre forward Mark Jones.

It was only a matter of minutes later when Afan Lido took the lead as their centre forward Mark Jones latched on to a through ball and outpaced the Llantwit defenders to score his second goal.

Llantwit were shell-shocked and tried to get back into the game but five minutes later Afan Lido increased their lead when, from a Llantwit Major corner, they broke away and again outpaced the Llantwit defence.

Although their first shot was pushed away by Jack Lansdown in the Llantwit goal, the rebound fell to Afan Lido's Chris Hartland who made no mistake to score their third.

Llantwit tried to get something out of the game and in the 89th minute centre half Sean Williams unleashed a shot from around 35 yards out that flew into the net to reduce the deficit to one goal.

Llantwit threw everything at Afan Lido in the final few minutes of the game and were unlucky when a cross from out wide on the touchline by left back Glyn Davies was only just tipped over the crossbar by the Afan Lido goalkeeper.

Well into injury time Llantwit had a shot cleared off the line before the referee blew his whistle for full time.

This was a very disappointing result and performance by Llantwit on the day, especially after their display at Port Talbot the previous week which resulted in a fine win.

Llantwit's next league game will be at home against Gotyre at Windmill Lane on Saturday, December 1, 2pm kick off.

Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jamie Miller (Nathan Renfree 83), Darren Robinson, (c), Sean Williams, Glyn Davies, Jonathan Fletcher, Kristian Smith (Lewis Brown 80), Mike Hartley (Nathan Jones 63), Rob Jones, Ben Cripps, Anthony Rawlings.

DJ

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, November 13 a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.

The Edmondes B consolidated their lead at the top of the table with an 8-1 victory over the Edmondes C 8-1. The Edmondes A defeated second place team, the Highwayman Inn, 5-4; in this match Tom Verill (Highwayman Inn) hit a 180.

In the local derby the Farmers Arms took the honours, defeating the Hairy Farmers 7-2. The One Town Hall Square beat the Red Lion Inn 8-1.

This match was much closer than the score suggested, with the One Town Hall Square needing some excellent checkouts: Dan Thomas 79 and 73 and Dai Griffiths 76, to win.

In the other match, Llanharry beat the Victoria Inn 5-4, despite the efforts of Ian Jones (Victoria Inn) who won a leg in just eight darts.

Present league standings, after seven weeks, are: Edmondes B (52 points), Highwayman Inn (44), Edmondes A, Llanharry and the Farmers Arms (29), Hairy Farmers (24), Victoria Inn (23), One Town Hall Square (16), Edmondes C (9) and Red Lion Inn (6).

Next week (Tuesday, November 27) the semi-finals and final of the Mixed Doubles competition will be played at the Farmers Arms.

The semi-final lineup is as follows: Amanda Edwards and Iain Jones (Victoria Inn) will play Lynda Smith and Nick Smith (Edmondes A and B), and Michaela Bradwick and Trevor Morgan (Edmondes A) will play Lauren Spear and Luke Richards (Edmondes B).

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Llantwit Major Tigers see practice make perfect with deserved win

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC under-13 Tigers travelled away to Porthcawl RFC for an eagerly-anticipated fixture this weekend, determined to put into practice the energy and passion shown in recent training sessions.

A great turnout by everyone meant that all bar one of the squad was available for selection against a developing Porthcawl outfit.

In perfect, bright conditions both teams put on a great show of committed, running rugby for the full 60-minutes.

Honours in the first half went to Llantwit Major, who stormed into a lead with tries from Thomas George, captain Carwyn John, a brace from Dan Bartlett and starting things off, on his debut, Fred O'Carroll.

All were converted by Thomas George who ended the day with a perfect 100 per cent kicking record of five from five.

To their credit, Porthcawl showed superb spirit and fought back brilliantly to win the second half, scoring two hard-earned tries.

The Tigers' only try presented Daniel Bartlett with his hat-trick, following yet another of his now trademark carries. On this occasion the conversion was superbly kicked by Ethan Harding.

Action from the game.

The game was a great boost in confidence for the Tigers who have clearly learnt lessons from some tough games.

The coaching staff deserve praise for working the team hard in training, but ultimately it was the 19 boys who showed great signs of improvement, rewarding the parents, coaches and importantly themselves, with their first win of the season.

Many thanks go to Porthcawl for their warm hospitality, and good luck to them for the rest of the season. Llantwit Major will look forward to a return fixture in the new year.

Squad: Kian Barnett, Flynn Barry, Dan Bartlett, Marley Bracher, Ryan Daw, Robert Dixon, Fred O'Carroll, Ollie Gale, Thomas George, Blake Gifford, Ethan Harding, Kai Harris, Carwyn John (c), Harvey Jones, Tom Jones, Kelyn Joseph, Dexter Milburn, Ben Raymond and Tom Sheldon.

SJ

News from Barry RFC

THIS Saturday's planned league encounter away at Heol Y Cyw has been postponed due to difficulties with both sides in arranging an early kick off due to the Wales v South Africa game.

The match has been rescheduled for April 13, 2019.

The lottery this week increases to £3,050 after last week's numbers of 08, 09, 21 and 22 failed to produce a winner – there were also no tickets that matched three numbers.

December 1 is the date for the club's Christmas draw – would those selling tickets please ensure counterfoils and monies are returned as soon as possible, together with any unsold books, to Carol at the bar.

AJ

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FRINGE PLAYERS TURN ON THE STYLE AT PRINCIPALITY

We'll find out about Gatland's front-runners this week, but Tonga triumph shows there is plenty of competition for places

by PHILIP IRWIN

TONGA'S visit to the Principality Stadium provided plenty of entertainment last Saturday, but what exactly did coach Warren Gatland learn from the match?

Then again, perhaps we should call it two matches.

There was cause for concern about the 34-minute segment that Wales lost by 21 - 3.

Or should we just remember the first 10 and final 36 minutes, where Wales slammed Tonga by 71–3, the sort of punishment usually meted out to emerging rugby nations.

I suspect that the Wales coach will be charitable to his team who (with the exception of Dan Biggar and Liam Williams) were out there to gain valuable experience.

Perhaps that first 10 minutes were too easy, and it was inevitable that they might take their collective foot off the gas because the game could not have started in a more humiliating manner for Tonga.

They conceded a penalty straight away and Biggar kicked down to the 22-metre line. Wales launched a driving maul from the line-out and marched it all the way to the try line, where Fifita pulled it down, conceding a penalty try and earning himself 10 minutes in the sin bin.

Five minutes later, Aaron Wainwright almost made the line and produced an excellent offload to put Biggar over. The Dragons' flanker had made an excellent start and went on to play the entire game, as did his back row Blues colleagues, Ellis Jenkins and No8 Seb Davies, who also had good games.

On eight minutes, the Tongan scrum half Takulua kicked a penalty but Wales extended their lead on the 10-minute mark with a peach of a try.

They went through several phases and when the ball went out to the backs, both Tyler Morgan and Jonah Holmes gave quick passes to Liam Williams. The wing still had a lot to do but his dive just beat the cover. Biggar converted superbly from the touchline and it was 21–3 to Wales.

It could have been even worse for Tonga five minutes later when Wainwright was flattened by an off the ball shoulder charge by his opposite number Daniel Faleafu.

Given that referee Nic Berry, after a career as scrum half for Queensland, Racing Metro and Wasps, was forced to retire six years ago at the age of 28 after a series of concussions, I thought he would take a dim view of the Tongan's challenge.

Maybe he thought Tonga were suffering enough, and that the game night be ruined if they were down to 14, or perhaps the Owen Farrell tackle against South Africa has muddied the water, but Faleafu escaped punishment.

Dan Biggar did kick the resultant penalty to extend Wales' lead to 24–3.

From that point on, Tonga came back into the game, drawing heavily on Saracen's Billy Vunipola understudy at No8, Sione Vailanu, who made ground again and again to get his team upfield.

On the 30-minute mark, Tonga turned down a penalty kick and opted for a scrum, launching Vailanu to get close to the line. Finally, Fifita was forced over and Takulua converted.

Just before half time, Tonga once again turned a penalty kick down, this time kicking to the corner and launching a line out drive. After a series of efforts got close, second row Mafi cleverly ducked under Seb Davies' tackle and went over for another converted try.

It was 24–17 at half time, and it got better still for Tonga just after the restart. Wales had quick ball from a line out and had clearly called a set move, requiring scrum half Tomos Williams to send out a flat pass.

A 'back of the hand' pass by Seb Davies. Photograph by the Huw Evans Agency.

Vailanu read it, Williams unaccountably missed the bright red shirt and the Tongan No8 raced away to score under the posts and suddenly it was 24–all.

One suspects that Warren Gatland will be pleased with the Welsh team's response to this, because they were back in front within two minutes, after Jake Ball showed some real athleticism with a 25-yard break, shrugging off a despairing tackle by the Tongan full back, Lilo.

The ball was recycled and Biggar chipped straight into Steff Evans' arms for a simple try. The Welsh outside half converted impressively once again.

Three minutes later, Wales nearly scored again, when hooker Elliot Dee was over the line but was enveloped by the Tongan defence who seemed to have held him up.

I liked referee Berry's question to the TMO, saying: "I think no try. Is there any evidence to change my mind?" At the moment, there is too much buck-passing by refs when it comes to TMO decisions.

On 53 minutes, Biggar kicked another penalty to make it 34–24, and Wales then took up residence in the Tongan 25. It seemed only a matter of time before the next try came and on the hour, with substitute half backs Aled Davies and Rhys Patchell waiting to come on, Tomos Williams' last act was to ;pick up close to the line, make a half break and, as he was tackled, stretch out an arm to touch down.

Similarly, Biggar's last contribution was yet another excellent conversion from the touchline.

It was now 41–24 and the flood gates finally opened. Was it irresistible Welsh play or did the Tongans, after getting back in the game, finally lose heart?

It was probably a bit of both. Soon after Patchell spotted an overlap and set things up with an excellent long pass. To be honest, Jonah Holmes and Steff Evans made a bit of a mess of it. Holmes could easily have scored himself, rather than passing to the wing, but Tyler Morgan rescued the situation and wriggled over.

On 64 minutes, Wales launched a high kick, Liam Williams leaped high to contest and the ball broke to Cory Hill, on in the second row replacing Adam Beard, and he showed a fine turn of speed to score. Patchell converted, the first of four he would notch up in the hectic last 15 minutes, and Wales now led by 53–24.

The best try of the day came with 10 minutes left, with the ball passing through many hands with some clever offloads before Aled Davies was in the clear and over under the posts.

Two minutes later, Patchell sold a dummy on half way, cut through and a sharp side-step took him clear for another try under the posts.

Finally, after a long period of pressure, Liam Williams spotted a gap and squeezed over for his second try. Patchell's conversion made it Wales 74, Tonga 24.

All in all, it was a good day for all of the Welsh wannabes. There weren't many scrums but the front row contributed in the loose, while the entire back five had good games. Tomos Williams, that interception pass aside, continues to impress, while Owen Watkin, although not getting on the scoresheet, was very prominent, particularly in defence.

Tyler Morgan was a constant threat while Steff Evans continued to demonstrate that he will always wriggle past that first man. Jonah Holmes, pretty much an unknown before the game to Welsh fans, was an accomplished No15.

Dan Biggar and Liam Williams are the opposite of unknowns, and they showed that they've still got it – if that particular 'it' is what Warren Gatland wants.

What the Welsh coach does really, really want, of course, is victory next Saturday over South Africa. The team that takes the field that day will be the frontrunners for Wales as we move into a World Cup year, but they have plenty of competition!

Poor Wales crash to Denmark loss in Nations League

Both Aaron Ramsey and Ashley Williams failed to impress as Wales' hopes of winning their UEFA Nations League group ended with a 2-1 home loss against Denmark
All photographs by the Huw Evans Agency.

by GARETH JAMIESON

IF, upon its inception, the UEFA Nations League was a conundrum with countless permutations, come last Friday night for Wales and Denmark, the only thing that mattered was victory.

A win for either side would see them secure top spot in their group, ensuring a promotion to the A League and a guaranteed qualifier for the 2020 European Championships if they failed to make it out of their qualifying group.

The stage was set for an epic encounter between the two teams, with Ryan Giggs no doubt eager to see his team achieve success in his first competitive run of fixtures – sadly, as is the Welsh way, it all went wrong.

Denmark's 2-1 win was no stroke of luck, the Danes had the better of the game, controlled it well and deserved the win through goals by Jorgensen and Braithwaite before Gareth Bale pulled one back, but post-game eyes were drawn to Wales' performance – or indeed lack of one.

Given what was at stake, and given how Giggs had a full complement of players to choose from (barring the suspended Ben Davies), this was meant to be the night where Wales took the glory – not looked forlornly at what might have been.

In hindsight the alarm bells rang when the teams were announced, Giggs going for an 'attack at all costs' philosophy which saw Aaron Ramsey partner Joe Allen in midfield rather than Ethan Ampadu.

While Giggs' attacking philosophy should be celebrated, to run the risk of being overpowered in midfield by the physical Danes (and leaving danger man Christian Eriksen with space) was a foolish move by the Wales manager, one that only seemed more foolish as the game progressed.

But this wasn't wholly the fault of Giggs; the players on the pitch must bear responsibility too, a night where the likes of Gareth Bale (left for long periods out on the wing rather in the far more dangerous position of the middle) and Ashley Williams were not at their best, while Ramsey had a night to forget.

The Arsenal midfielder seemed shoehorned into a side where Ampadu's defensive-mindedness would have been a far better option. As it was, Ramsey's runs forward were mitigated by Wales' inability to make things stick in Danish territory and Joe Allen was left in a midfield of one.

David Brooks impressed immensely against Denmark last Friday night.

Ramsey's desire to try and take the game by the scruff of the neck is commendable, but as always he tried one or two tricks too many and promising opportunities went begging in what was a woeful performance.

It is important for Wales to now take stock and see where they go from here. Giggs' blooding of youth has been a positive in a reign that has been mixed from a results perspective but wholly positive in terms of building a team for the next five-10 years, with David Brooks, who has looked superb since his move to the Premier League with Bournemouth, shining brightest on a dim night for the team.

But he needs to be a little more ruthless in terms of the older generation; Ramsey is a superb player but is allowed to be sacrificed when tactics require, while Ashley Williams, who has been a phenomenal servant for Welsh football, should now step aside after what was yet another unconvincing display.

There was another dispiriting display in Tuesday night's friendly in Albania, where Wales were on the short end of the referee's decisions and lost 1-0.

While friendly games are there to experiment (and with eight changes to the starting line-up it certainly was an experiment), a loss to a team ranked 60th in the world will certainly rankle, in a game that saw Wales wasteful in front of goal again, tarnishing Chris Gunter's record 93rd cap for Wales, eclipsing Neville Southall as the most-capped player.

But longer-term, Friday's setback (and, whichever way you look at it, it was a setback) must now galvanise Giggs and the squad to push for qualification to the European Championships.

They're certainly capable of it, but performances like these last two will not help their cause.